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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN: Arden Abild - Area 3, Wakonda
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Robin Dykstra - Area 5, Marion
SECRETARY: Bob Iverson - Area 1, Vermillion
Sarah Chadima - Area 2, Vermillion
Wayne Davey - Area 4, Hurley
Steve Gordon - McCook County

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
JANUARY 18, 2023**

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 2:00 p.m. for the Annual meeting in the Automatic Irrigation building in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Arden Abild, Area 3
Sarah Chadima, Area 2
Wayne Davey, Area 4
Bob Iverson, Area 1
Robin Dykstra, Area 5
Water
Steve Gordon, McCook Co.

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Staff
Steve Muilenburg - Clay Rural

Jay Jorgensen - TM Rural Water
Troy Larson - L & C Rural Water
Fred Butzke - McCook Co. CD
Jose Dominguez - City of

Vermillion

Richard Hammond - Clay Co

Commission

Chairman Abild called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting. There being no changes, Director Iverson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Abild asked if any Directors had a conflict of interest regarding any agenda item. No conflicts were noted.

DIRECTOR TERMS

Directors Dykstra and Iverson were re-elected to four year terms during the 2022 general election and signed updated Oaths of Office.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from December 21, 2022. There being none, Director Dykstra moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. 2022 Year End – Year end 2022 financial reports containing a balance sheet, revenues, expenditures and budget comparison information was provided for the Board and visitors. This information was prepared independently by Richard Adamson and available for review, questions and discussion.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to approve the 2022 year end unaudited financial report as presented. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 2022 Annual Review – The Department of Legislative Audit requires the VBWDD to submit an Annual Review of its financial report to their office annually. This document was also prepared by Richard Adamson. Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to approve and submit the 2022 Annual Review as prepared. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

3. January 2023 – Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 – January rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.45 – phone, internet, SDUI \$11.15 – unemployment taxes, Visa \$324.98 – travel, web hosting, Internal Revenue \$342.78 – payroll taxes, Brad Preheim \$2,012.56 – January wages, phone, travel, Richard Adamson \$200.00 – financial report 2022, New Century Press \$27.50 – publishing, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 – website maintenance, Turner County Conservation District \$10,000.00 – grant, Board per diem & travel: Arden Abild \$218.76 – 4th quarter 2022, Wayne Davey \$209.59 – 4th quarter 2022, Bob Iverson \$214.83 – 4th quarter 2022, Sarah Chadima \$224.00 – 4th quarter 2022, Robin Dykstra \$229.90 – 4th quarter 2022.

Following discussion, motion made by Director Chadima, seconded

by Director Davey to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously. The report was placed in the district files.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Abild turned the meeting over to Manager Preheim. Preheim asked for nominations for Board of Director Chairman for 2023. Director Dykstra nominated Arden Abild. Director Davey moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Abild. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

Re-elected Chairman Abild resumed control of the meeting and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Director Iverson nominated Robin Dykstra. Director Chadima moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dykstra. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Abild asked for nominations for Board Secretary for 2023. Director Chadima nominated Bob Iverson. Director Dykstra moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Iverson. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT ON COMPLETED AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A list of projects supported in 2022 was provided and reviewed. Planned projects for 2023 were also discussed.

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION #23-02 - This resolution designates Security State Bank as the official depository of the VBWDD. Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to approve and sign Resolution #23-02. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION #23-03 - This resolution designates the official newspapers of the VBWDD as the New Era, Plain Talk and The Special.

Following discussion, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Resolution #22-03. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER 2040

Lewis and Clark Executive Director Troy Larson presented an overview of the future of rural water in South Dakota. "Water

2040" is a steering committee exploring long term solutions to the continued challenge of providing safe & reliable drinking water to our region.

CLAY RURAL WATER SYSTEM

Clay Rural Water System Manager Steve Muilenburg attended the meeting to give an update on activities of the Clay Rural Water System. They continue with system updates and are seeking a funding package for a new treatment plant.

T-M RURAL WATER DISTRICT

T-M Rural Water District Manager Jay Jorgensen attended the meeting to give an update on their activities. TM continues to get new user requests and they are currently updating their logic controllers and have constructed a new shed.

CITY OF VERMILLION – PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST

City Engineer Jose Dominguez attended the meeting to discuss a project with the Board and request financial assistance. The City of Vermillion purchased a 50 acre tract of land on the southwest quarter of Hwy 50 and SD Hwy 19. They intend to develop the land into a mix of residential, commercial and park space. Prior to any development the City would like to complete a wetland delineation study to see if there are wetlands in the tract. A study will be completed and a report will be sent to the US Army Corps of Engineers for an official wetland determination.

Banner Engineers has submitted a scope of work to complete the study with a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. The City of Vermillion is requesting financial assistance in that amount from the VBWDD.

Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to grant the City of Vermillion up to \$4,500.00 for the study. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

TURNER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Resolution #23-04 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to the Turner County Conservation District to be used for tree planting cost share. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #01-23 with the Turner County Conservation District. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Resolution #23-04. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #01-23 - This grant agreement has been

returned from the Turner County Conservation District with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$5,000.00 and is to be used for tree planting cost share. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #01-23. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #22-07 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$10,000.00 to the Turner County Conservation District to be used for the purchase of a Great Plains no-till drill. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #04-22 with the Turner County Conservation District. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Resolution #22-07. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant Agreement #04-22 - This grant agreement has been returned from the Turner County Conservation District with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$10,000.00 and is to be used for the purchase of a Great Plains no-till drill. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #04-22. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Legislative Update - The Manager shared information provided by East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson on bills and topics of interest in the 2023 legislative session. SB 143 is a bill that officially changes the description of the VBWDD in statutory code to reflect the addition of McCook County. We will be following and supporting this bill as well as others.

2. Amended 2023 Budget - The Board reviewed the 2023 Amended Budget. The budget has changed from the Proposed Budget due to a carry forward of funds increase from the previous proposed budget.

Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve the 2023 Revised Budget. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 2023 Meeting Schedule - Director Chadima moved to approve the VBWDD Board of Director meeting times and locations for 2023 as follows:

January 18 2:00 p.m. Centerville
March 15 3:00 p.m. Centerville
May 17 6:30 p.m. Centerville
July 19 3:00 p.m. Salem
August 23 6:30 p.m. Centerville
October 18 6:30 p.m. Centerville
December 20 3:00 p.m. Centerville

Motion seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Office Lease – The lease from Tim & Kim Eide for the office space in 2023 was reviewed. Following discussion, Director Dykstra moved to approve the lease for 2023 with an increase in rent of \$25.00. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. State Water Plan/Annual Report – A copy of this document from the Department of Environment & Natural Resources was discussed and available for review.

6. Correspondence & Literature – Various items from the past month were shared with the Board.

7. February Meeting – Due to the lack of timely business, Director Chadima moved to cancel the February meeting. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. VBWDD Regular Meeting – March 15, 3:00 p.m. Centerville
2. Board of Water & Natural Resources – March 2023, Pierre

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

ARDEN ABILD
CHAIR