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**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AUGUST 28, 2024**

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting in the district office in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Joe Bechen - Miner County
Corey Johnke - Lake County

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Staff
Fred Butzke - McCook Cons Dist
Jeff Meadows - Lake Co Cons Dist

Chairman Dykstra called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was taken and quorum declared. Guests were introduced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

APPROVAL OF JULY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Dykstra asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from July 17, 2024. There being none, Director Abild moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed

unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - August rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 - August copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$89.62 - August phone, internet, Turner County Conservation District \$5,000.00 - tree planting grant, Brad Preheim - \$993.16 August wages, phone, US Treasury \$407.50 - payroll taxes Visa \$186.23 - office supplies, North Star Mutual \$209.00 - insurance, SD Lakes & Streams \$2,500.00 - grant payment 2 of 2, Cory Johnke \$ 115.44 - Board wages, mileage, Joe Bechen - \$238.72 - Board wages, mileage, Kyle Lee \$312.32 - Board wages, per diem, mileage.

The grants payable list was reviewed.

Following discussion, motion made by Director Iverson, seconded by Director Davey to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously. The report was placed in the district files.

2025 BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Dykstra opened the 2025 Budget Hearing with the following statement. "This is the time and place set by published notice for hearing statements in regards to the District budget as proposed by the Vermillion Basin Water Development District Board of Directors. All interested parties may make a statement. Persons who have indicated they wish to make a statement will be called on in the order they have signed in. Following that, anyone else may make a statement."

There were no visitors present wishing to comment and the manager indicated he had received no written or verbal comments from the public. Chairman Dykstra declared the 2025 Budget Hearing closed.

Motion made by Director Chadima to approve the 2025 District budget as published. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

1. Turner County Conservation District - The VBWDD has partnered with the Turner County Conservation District for many years on a cost share program to encourage land owners to plant

trees. The program has been a success and the District is once again requesting funds for the 2025 tree planting season.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant the Turner County Conservation District \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for tree planting in 2025. Seconded by Director Abild. Motion passed unanimously.

2. McCook County Conservation District - The VBWDD partnered with the McCook County Conservation District in 2024 with a cost share grant for tree planting. The program was successful and they are requesting funding assistance for 2025.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant the McCook County Conservation District \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for tree planting in 2025. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Lake County Conservation District - Lake County Conservation District Manager Jeff Meadows was in attendance to discuss possible tree planting cost share funding for Lake County as has been done in Turner and Clay Counties. The Board reviewed a formal letter of request and Mr. Meadows answered questions from the Board.

Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to grant the Lake County Conservation District \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for tree planting in 2025. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

The Manager gave updates on the following ongoing projects of interest to the VBWDD: Swan Lake Association, City of Centerville, Silver Lake Association, McCook County Wildlife Club and SD Lakes & Streams.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. NRCS PL 566 - The Manager and 3 Directors recently attended a presentation on the "NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO)". This program has several purposes and the NRCS is looking for project sponsors. The program was briefly discussed and will be kept in mind for future watershed management ideas.

2. New Director Area Boundaries - It appears the new Director boundary areas will be approved in time to seat official

Directors at the 2025 Annual Meeting in January.

3. "Ripples of Change" - The Ripples of Change White paper was distributed to the Board. The document was provided on behalf of the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) and the Rural Water Center (RWC). This document explores opportunities for enhancing water development in South Dakota and will be discussed further at a future meeting.

4. Watershed Management Planning - The Manager discussed possibilities of potential watershed management planning activities that can take place once the full Board is seated.

5. District Entity List - A list of all grant eligible entities within the new district boundaries is being developed.

6. Staff Retirement Contribution - Director Chadima moved to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the Manager's retirement benefits for 2024. Seconded by Director Abild. Motion passed unanimously.

7. September Meeting - Director Davey moved to cancel the September Board meeting due to the lack of timely business.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. River Appreciation Day - September 12, Clay County Park
2. VBWDD Regular Meeting - October 16th, 3:00 p.m. Salem
3. VBWDD Regular Meeting - December 18th, 3:00 p.m. Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Director Abild. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Dykstra
Chairman