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STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 3:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the district office in Centerville, South Dakota on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Manager
Fred Butzke - McCook Co CD
Jay Jorgensen - TM RWD

Chairman Abild called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 in regards to any agenda item. No conflicts were noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from October 18, 2023.

There being no changes, Director Davey moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills: Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - November rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - December rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 - November copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 - December copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.63 - November phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.63 - December phone, internet, Internal Revenue \$590.64 - Payroll taxes, Visa \$117.82 - Supplies, Brad Preheim \$579.10 - November wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$738.80 - December wages, phone.

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

TM RURAL WATER DISTRICT - PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST

General Manager Jay Jorgensen attended the meeting to discuss recent activities of the TM Rural Water District. They have identified a critical need to drill multiple test wells and test their pumping capabilities in order to select the most promising site for a new well. They believe this new well will enhance water supply reliability and contribute to the long term sustainability of TM's water infrastructure. The cost of the testing could be over \$100,000.00 and they are seeking cost share assistance from the VBWDD.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant \$20,000.00 to the TM Rural Water District for test well drilling. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

MCCOOK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Resolution #23-10 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to the McCook County Conservation District to be used for tree planting cost share. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #08-23 with the McCook County Conservation District. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Resolution #23-10. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #08-23 - This grant agreement has been returned from the McCook 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 Chadima moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #08-23. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

2024 LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson joined the meeting via phone to give an update on upcoming legislative items of interest to water development districts.

PROJECT UPDATES

The Board discussed ongoing projects of interest to the District that included the City of Centerville, Clay Rural Water System, Town of Chancellor and McCook County Wildlife Club.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Director Vacancies - The terms for Director Areas 2 & 4 will expire at the end of 2024. Notice of vacancies will be published for those positions along with expired Director Area 3.
2. Legislative Activities - Manager Preheim updated the Board on events he will be attending in Pierre during the upcoming session.
3. 2023 Financial Reports - Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to hire Richard Adamson to complete the District's 2023 financial report. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence & Literature - Various items from the past month were shared with the Board.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Legislative Activities - January 9-11, Pierre
2. VBWDD Annual Meeting - January 17, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

**ARDEN ABILD
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST: BRAD PREHEIM
MANAGER**