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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DECEMBER 21, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 7:00 p.m. for a regular meeting in the district office and via Zoom videoconference on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Arden Abild, Area 3
Sarah Chadima, Area 2
Wayne Davey, Area 4
Robin Dykstra, Area 5
Bob Iverson, Area 1

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Manager
Fred Butzke - McCook Co CD
Dennis Johnson - Turner Co CD
Ordell Oswald - Turner Co CD
Charles Groen - Turner Co CD
Jay Gilbertson - EDWDD

Chairman Abild called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Dykstra. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting from minutes from October 19, 2022. There being no changes, Director Dykstra moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – November rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – December rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.10 – phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.10 – phone, internet, New Century Press \$49.44 – publishing, SDUI \$7.51 – unemployment taxes, Visa \$186.86 – travel, supplies, Internal Revenue \$628.78 – payroll taxes, Internal Revenue \$146.40 – payroll taxes, Brad Preheim \$722.43 – November wages, phone, travel, Brad Preheim \$1,236.11 – December wages, phone, travel, TM Rural Water System \$560.78 – expansion mailing, USPS \$60.00 – postages.

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

TURNER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Turner County Conservation District Manager Charles Groen and members of his Board attended the meeting to request financial assistance for a new no-till drill. They have selected a 15 foot Great Plains model. The cost of the drill is \$65,500.00. They have some cash on hand and the ability to borrow money but they are requesting financial assistance from the VBWDD.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant \$10,000.00 to the TCCD for the purchase of the new drill. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT EXPANSION

1. McCook County Election – The voters of McCook County voted to join the Vermillion Basin Water Development District during the 2022 general election. McCook County is now part of the District.

2. Board of Directors Election – The task at hand is now navigating a path to seat a new Board of Directors that can represent McCook County as well as the portions of Lake, Kingsbury and Miner counties that will be added to the District via legislative action. The mechanism and timing of an election and legislative action is still to be determined.

3. Added Area Participation – The timing of electing a new Board of Directors as well as legislation to add territory north of McCook County is still to be determined. However, the VBWDD would like input from all the new areas and will be inviting participants from the northern counties to future Board meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Legislative Items – East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson shared multiple items with the Board that will be addressed during the 2023 legislation session.

2. Director Vacancy – A Notice of Vacancy will be published for expiring Director Area 3. The term expires on December 31, 2022 and petitions will be due in the office on January 13, 2023 for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

3. Annual Meeting – the time and location of our Annual Meeting was discussed and will be advertised for 2:00 p.m. on January 18, 2023 with a location to be determined once attendance numbers become available.

4. Project Updates – Ongoing projects within the VBWDD were discussed.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Board of Water & Natural Resources – January 5, Pierre
2. SDARWS ATC – January 10-12, Pierre
3. VBWDD Board of Directors – January 18, Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

**ARDEN ABILD
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST: BRAD PREHEIM
MANAGER**