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STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
JULY 19, 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 American Legion in Salem, South Dakota on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

Mayor

CD

Auditor

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Manager
Dave Bartel - JRWDD
Jay Gilbertson - EDWDD
Heath McManaman - Chancellor
Fred Butzke - McCook Co CD
Glenda Blindert - Salem,

Roger Hofer - Bridgewater
Dean Koch - McCook Commission
Chuck Mehlbrech - McCook Comm
Lori Heumiller - Salem
Stephanie Albin - McCook Co

Geralyn Sherman-McCook

Kurt Stiefvater
Charles Groen - Turner Co CD
Zack Anderson - McCook Co CD
Drew Peterson - Rep District

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 made.

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting from minutes from May 17, 2023. 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 \$325.00 – June rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 – July rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – June copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 – July copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.11 – June phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.12 – July phone, internet, Visa \$159.65 – Zoom Subscription, Internal Revenue \$338.68 – payroll taxes, SDUI \$9.58 – 2nd quarter unemployment taxes, Clay Rural Water System \$10,000.00 – Grant (half), Turner County, Conservation District \$5,000.00 – grant, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 – quarterly web maintenance, Salem American Legion \$150.00 – hall rent, Brad Preheim \$800.74 – June wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$1,331.57- July wages, travel, phone, North Star Mutual \$184.00 – Business Property Insurance, One American Bank \$100,000.00 – Certificate of Deposit. Board of Director Compensation & Travel: Sarah Chadima \$131.65 – 2nd quarter 2023, Robin Dykstra \$137.54 – 2nd quarter 2023, Bob Iverson \$122.48 – 2nd quarter 2023, Wayne Davey \$117.24 – 2nd quarter 2023, Arden Abild \$110.03 – 2nd quarter 2023, Steve Gordon \$157.85 – 2nd quarter 2023.

The Board reviewed the 2023 budget and grants payable. No changes were made.

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

CITY OF CENTERVILLE

1. Resolution #23-06 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$7,500.00 to the City of Centerville to be used for preliminary engineering costs on their water tower project. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #03-23 with the City of Centerville. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Resolution #23-06. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #03-23 - This grant agreement has been returned from the City of Centerville with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$7,500.00 and is to be used for preliminary engineering costs on their water tower project. Following review, Director Chadima moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #03-23. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

TURNER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Tree Planting Update - District Manager Charles Groen attended the meeting to give an update on tree planting for 2023. It was another productive year for the District as they planted seven acres of trees for eleven different land owners.

The VBWDD contributed \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for this year's tree planting and Mr. Groen is requesting those funds.

2. Project Assistance Request - With the continued success of the tree planting partnership between the TCCD and VBWDD, Mr. Groen would like to request another \$5,000.00 grant from the Board for 2024 tree planting.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant the Turner County Conservation District \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for tree planting in 2024. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

1. City of Salem - Salem Mayor Glenda Blindert and Finance Officer Lori Heumiller attended the meeting to discuss the City's Water System Study. Salem has retained DGR Engineering

to perform a water treatment plant evaluation to investigate the adequacy of the existing equipment and provide alternatives for a continued potable water supply from the next 20 plus years. Salem's current water treatment plant produces excellent quality water although some of the equipment is nearing the end of its useful life.

The study to be performed by DGR will provide 20 year demand projections, summarize source water appropriation permits and adequacy for the future and provide facility recommendations and alternatives. The cost of the study is \$44,800.00.

Following discussion, Director Davey moved to grant up to \$10,000.00 to the City of Salem for their water study. Motion seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Town of Chancellor – Heath McManaman from the Town of Chancellor attended the meeting to discuss two project assistance requests.

a) Water Source/System Pressure Analysis – The Town of Chancellor's water is supplied by South Lincoln Rural Water. The current contract restricts Chancellor to 45 gallons per minute. There are occasions when the limit becomes a problem and users can be either without water or have very little pressure.

The Town has recently reached out to DGR Engineering to evaluate options to address these system issues. The cost of the analysis by DGR is \$15,000.00.

b) Lagoon System Analysis – The Town of Chancellor recently received their new wastewater permit renewal from SD DANR. The new permit limits will require more restrictive discharge considerations. In an effort to achieve the new limits, they will need to perform an analysis of our existing lagoon system. The Town plans to work with DGR Engineering to provide a feasibility study to determine their options. The cost of the study is \$15,000.00.

The Town of Chancellor is asking for financial assistance for both these projects. Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant up to \$7,500.00 for each of these projects. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

The Board discussed the following projects of interest to the VBWDD.

1. Clay Rural Water System – Manager Preheim shared a letter from Manager Steve Muilenburg updating their recent activities.
2. South Dakota Lakes & Streams – The VBWDD previously awarded a grant of up to \$5,000.00 for their “SD Economic Impact Study – Dreissenid Mussels”. The VBWDD is awaiting results from the Study.
3. Dakota Mainstem – The VBWDD previously granted this entity \$10,000.00 to aid them in their efforts in identifying future water resources for Eastern South Dakota. East Dakota WDD Manager Jay Gilbertson gave an update to the Board on their most recent activities.
4. Swan Lake Association – Members of the Association are still working on a plan with the engineers and will be attending a future meeting to discuss a project.

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board reviewed the 2024 Proposed Budget as prepared by the Manager. Following discussion, Director Chadima moved publish the 2024 Proposed Budget as presented per statutory requirements. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously. The budget hearing will be conducted during our August Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Expansion Discussion – Manager Preheim and EDWDD Manager Jay Gilbertson updated the Board on the next steps in the expansion process as well as legislative items in regards to seating the new Board of Directors. District 19 Representative Drew Peterson was also part of the discussion.
2. River Appreciation Day – Motion made by Director Chadima to contribute \$500.00 towards this event that will be held at Clay County Park on September 12th. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Correspondence & Literature – Various items from the past month were shared with the Board.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. VBWDD Board of Directors – August 23rd- 6:30 p.m.

Centerville

2. River Appreciation Day – September 12th, Clay County Park
3. Eastern SD Water Conference – October 11th, Brookings
4. VBWDD Board of Directors – October 18th – 6:30 p.m.

Centerville

5. VBWDD Board of Directors – December 20th – 3:00 p.m.

Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

ARDEN ABILD
CHAIR