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Steve Gordon - McCook County

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
JULY 17, 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, July 17, 2024.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brad Preheim - Staff  
Fred Butzke - McCook Cons Dist  
Charles Groen - Turner Cons Dist  
Corey Johnke - Lake County (Zoom)  
Kyle Lee - Kingsbury County  
Joe Bechen - Miner County

Chairman Dykstra called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Dykstra was participating via Zoom videoconference so he turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Iverson to conduct the meeting.

**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 Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

**APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Iverson asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from May 15, 2024. There being none, Director Dykstra moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

The legislation moving portions of Lake, Miner and Kingsbury counties from the East Dakota Water Development District over to the Vermillion Basin Water Development District became official on July 1, 2024. The Director Area changes that will be made due to the additional territory are still being developed. Until the Director Area changes become official the Board will be appointing Ex-Officio Non-Voting representatives from the newly acquired territory to the Board of Directors.

Motion made by Director Abild to appoint Corey Johnke (Lake County), Joe Bechen (Miner County) and Kyle Lee (Kingsbury County) to the Board as Ex-Officio Non-Voting Directors. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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 \$89.47 - June phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$89.62 - July phone, internet, River Appreciation Day \$500.00 - education & outreach grant  
East Dakota WDD - \$10,000.00 - SDSU water value survey grant, McCook County Conservation District \$4,772.24 - tree planting grant, Brad Preheim \$1,076.22- June wages, phone, travel, Brad Preheim - \$1,138.61 July wages, phone, US Treasury \$495.16 - payroll taxes, SDUI \$12.00 - 2nd quarter payroll taxes, Visa \$194.35 - travel, Zoom subscription, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 - quarterly web maintenance.  
2nd Quarter Board Payroll/Mileage: Wayne Davey \$185.12, Robin Dykstra \$154.30, Steve Gordon \$128.84, Arden Abild \$131.52, Bob Iverson \$231.35, Sarah Chadima \$231.35.

The quarterly budget analysis was reviewed with no changes made.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS AND GRANT AGREEMENTS**

1. Resolution #24-04 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$10,000.00 to the McCook County Wildlife to be used for a rural water connection. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #01-24 with the McCook County Wildlife Club. Following review, Director Chadima moved to approve and sign Resolution #24-04. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #01-24 - This grant agreement has been returned from the McCook County Wildlife Club with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$10,000.00 and is to be used for rural water connection costs. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #01-24. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #24-05 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$14,300.00 to the Swan Lake Association to be used for an operation and maintenance study. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #07-23 with the Swan Lake Association. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Resolution #24-05. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant Agreement #07-23 - This grant agreement has been returned from the Swan Lake Association with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$14,300.00 and is to be used for an operation and maintenance study. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #07-23. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

## **TURNER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

District Manager Charles Groen attended the meeting to give an update on tree planting for 2024. It was another productive year for the District as they planted 32 acres of trees for 20 different land owners. The program was used for land owners that didn't qualify for other cost share opportunities.

The VBWDD contributed \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for this year's tree planting.

## **McCOOK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Fred Butzke attended the meeting to give an update on tree planting for 2024. This was the first year of VBWDD cost share

assistance for McCook County. The program was very successful as they planted 21,692 feet of trees for 10 landowners. The program was used for land owners that didn't qualify for other cost share opportunities.

The VBWDD contributed \$4,772.54 in cost share assistance for this year's tree planting.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

The Manager gave updates on the following projects of interest to the VBWDD: Swan Lake Association, City of Centerville, Lake County Conservation District, SDSU Water Values Survey and Miner County Conservation District.

### **2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The Board reviewed the 2025 Proposed Budget as prepared by the Manager. Following some minor changes, Director Abild moved to publish the 2025 Proposed Budget per statutory requirements. Seconded by Director Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously. The Budget Hearing will be conducted during our August Board meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. New Director Area Boundaries - A draft map of potential new Director Areas has been approved by the affected Districts. The DANR is now working with the county auditors to finalize the Areas as the approval process continues.
2. Watershed Management Planning - The Manager discussed several possibilities of potential watershed management planning activities that can take place once the full Board is seated.
3. District Entity List - A list of all grant eligible entities within the new district boundaries is being developed.
4. Correspondence - Various items of interest were shared with the Board.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

1. VBWDD Regular Meeting - August 28th, 6:30 p.m. Centerville
2. River Appreciation Day - September 12, Clay County Park
3. VBWDD Regular Meeting - October 16th, 3:00 p.m. Salem

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Chadima moved to

adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Director Dykstra.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**ROBIN DYKSTRA**  
**CHAIR**