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Sarah Chadima - Area 2, Vermillion  
Wayne Davey - Area 4, Hurley

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MARCH 16, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 7:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the district office in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, March 16, 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 - Staff  
Steve Muilenburg - CRWS

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 Wayne Davey. 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 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 19, 2022. There being no changes, Director Dykstra moved to approve those

minutes. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – February rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – March rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$82.74 – phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$82.74 – phone, internet, Brad Preheim \$1,135.21 – February wages, phone, travel, Brad Preheim \$755.52 – March wages, phone, travel, Visa \$1,053.41 – supplies, travel, SDARWS \$525.00 – dues, Marsh & McClennen \$1,776.00 – E & O Insurance, SFM \$220.00 – work comp insurance, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 – web maintenance, Internal Revenue \$230.92 – payroll taxes.

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

#### **PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST – CLAY RURAL WATER SYSTEM**

The Board reviewed documents from Brosz Engineering Inc and Sargent Drilling in regards to a project assistance request from the Clay Rural Water System (CRWS). CRWS Manager Steve Muilenburg attended the meeting to discuss the projects.

The CRWS is in critical need of constructing new ground water wells and a new water treatment facility to serve its existing customers. The existing well system is in need of expansion and the treatment facility is significantly past its design life.

The initial phase of the engineering costs for these projects is estimated at \$50,000.00. Additionally, the system has costs of roughly \$18,000.00 to rehabilitate an existing well.

Following a lengthy discussion, Director Dykstra moved to grant the Clay Rural Water System \$30,000.00 towards these projects. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Legislative Update – Manager Preheim gave an update on legislative issues of interest to the district.
2. Sioux Empire Water Festival – The festival was held on the campus of the University of Sioux Falls on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

3. VBWDD Expansion – With the McCook County potential election coming this fall, we will be looking at some informational activities soon.

4. TLC WPD Annual Meeting – A brief update was given on the activities of this entity.

5. Project Updates – Various ongoing projects within the VBWDD were discussed.

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

7. Cancel April Meeting – Motion made by Davey, seconded by Dykstra to cancel the April meeting due to the lack of timely business.

#### **UPCOMING MEETING**

1. Board of Water & Natural Resources – March 24-25, Pierre

2. TLC Water Project District Annual Meeting – April 5, Centerville

3. VBWDD Board of Directors – May 18, Centerville

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

**ARDEN ABILD**  
**CHAIRMAN**