

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District

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Serving the counties of Turner, Clay & McCook

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

MINUTES

VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MARCH 20, 2024

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting in the Automatic Irrigation building (and via Zoom videoconference) in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Staff
Fred Butzke - M CCD
Jay Gilbertson- EDWDD
Steve Muilenburg - Clay RWS

Chairman Dykstra called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Dykstra asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 17, 2024. There being none, Director Iverson moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - February rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - March rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 - copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 - copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.64 - phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.64 - phone, internet, Thomson Agency \$100.00 - bond, SFM \$220.00 - workers comp insurance, Marsh & McClennon \$2,240.00 - E & O Ins., SD Association of Rural Water Systems \$550.00 - dues, TM Rural Water District \$20,000.00 - grant, Brad Preheim \$1,876.28- travel, wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$1,700.88- travel, wages, phone, Internal Revenue \$1,269.21 - payroll taxes, Broadcaster Press \$12.93 - publishing, New Century Press \$26.92 - publishing, Visa \$982.94 - travel, supplies, conference registration.

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

2024 LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson attended the meeting to discuss recent legislative session activities.

1. HB 1124 - This bill has been signed by Governor Noem and allows water development districts to declare a vacancy for Director Areas that are created due to boundary changes.
2. HB 1130 - This bill has been signed by Governor Noem and moves portions of Lake, Kingsbury and Miner counties from the East Dakota WDD into the Vermillion Basin WDD.

The Board discussed timelines for the changes with Mr Gilbertson and the process will be discussed further at the May meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Clay Rural Water System Manager Steve Muilenburg attended the meeting to update the Board on the activities of that system. In addition, Manager Preheim gave updates to the Board on VBWDD participation projects in Chancellor, Centerville and Swan Lake.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Director Elections - Nominating petitions for Directors Davey (Area 4) and Chadima (Area 2) have been filed with the Secretary of State. As of the meeting date, no other petitions have been filed.

2. Director Vacancy - The Manager indicated there have been no applicants for vacant Director Area 3. Arden Abild will continue to serve as the Director for that Area until a petition is filed.
3. Sioux Empire Water Festival - Manager Preheim attended & volunteered at this event and gave an update to the Board.
4. Correspondence - Various items of interest were shared with the Board.
5. April Meeting - Due to the lack of timely business, Director Iverson moved to cancel the April meeting. Seconded by Director Abild. Motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Board of Water & Natural Resources - March 27-28, Pierre
2. VBWDD Regular Meeting - May 15, 3:00 p.m. Salem
3. VBWDD Regular Meeting - July 17, 6:30 p.m. Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Davey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Director Abild. Motion passed unanimously.

ROBIN DYKSTRA
CHAIR