

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN: Arden Abild - Area 3, Wakonda
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SECRETARY: Bob Iverson - Area 1, Vermillion
Sarah Chadima - Area 2, Vermillion
Lowell Andersen - Area 4, Hurley

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

MINUTES

VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECEMBER 16, 2020

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, December 16th, 2020. Some members participated via Zoom Communications.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Arden Abild, Area 3
Sarah Chadima, Area 2
Lowell Andersen, Area 4
Bob Iverson, Area 1
Robin Dykstra, Area 5

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Staff
Wayne Davey
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 Robin 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 minutes from October 21, 2020. There being no changes, Director Andersen moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 - Rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 - Rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 - copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 - copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$84.86 - phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$84.86 - phone, internet, Clay County Conservation District \$5,000.00 - grant, TLC Water Project District \$17,838.00 - grant, Brad Preheim \$542.16 - November wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$661.45 - December wages, phone, Visa \$70.21 - supplies, US Treasury \$355.04 - payroll taxes, US Treasury \$135.68 - payroll taxes. Board per diem & mileage: Lowell Andersen - \$186.99 - 4th quarter.

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

RIPARIAN BUFFER DISCUSSION - JAY GILBERTSON

East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson attended the meeting to discuss a Riparian Buffer program that has been in effect for a couple years.

The program allows a tax reduction for rural landowners if they are willing to create, or retain, a vegetative riparian buffer along certain rivers, lakes and streams in South Dakota. However, this program is not widely promoted or used and Mr. Gilbertson would like to have the water development districts work with other local agencies to promote the program. This item will be discussed in further detail during our January meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. VBWDD Expansion - Due to timing issues with legislation and elections, the plan to hold an election in McCook County for the purpose of district expansion will be postponed until the 2022 general election.
2. District Website - A new website is being designed for the District.
3. 2021 Annual Meeting - The Annual Meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on January 20th via Zoom Communications. Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to hire Dick Adamson to complete our 2020 financials. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Project Updates - Various ongoing projects within the VBWDD were discussed.

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

6. Expiring Director Term - Director Andersen's term expires at the end of 2020 and this is his final meeting. The Board thanked him for his service and presented him with his nameplate and a small gift.

UPCOMING MEETING

1. VBWDD Annual Meeting - January 20, 2021, Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorded by _____

ATTEST: _____