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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DECEMBER 15, 2021**

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 and via Zoom videoconference in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021.

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
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 15, 2021. There being no changes, Director Dykstra moved to approve those

minutes. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – November rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – December rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.11 – phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$81.61 – phone, internet, City of Centerville \$3,800.00 – grant (partial), Brad Preheim \$743.90 – November wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$768.42 – December wages, phone, Star Publishing \$170.76 – publishing, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 – website maintenance, Postmaster \$116.00 – postage, US Treasury \$534.86 – payroll taxes, SDUI .43 – 3rd quarter 2021, Visa \$64.73 – travel.

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

GRANTS

1. City of Centerville – The District had previously granted the City of Centerville up to \$9,000.00 for construction costs on a project to improve drainage on Broadway. Due to changes in the scope of the project, the City is asking that the funds be eligible to be used for engineering costs on the same project.

Following discussion, Director Dykstra moved to approve the grant funds for engineering costs. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution #21-10 – This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$9,000.00 to the Clay County Conservation District to be used for purchasing a new tree cooler. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #07-21 with the Clay County Conservation District. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Resolution #21-10. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Grant Agreement #07-21 – This grant agreement has been returned from the Clay County Conservation District with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$9,000.00 and is to be used for purchasing a tree cooler. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #07-21. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Director Terms – The Board reviewed the terms of the current Board Members. The terms of Directors Abild, Iverson and Dykstra will expire in December of 2022. A notice of vacancy will be published in early 2022 for those positions.
2. ARPA Funds – The Manager discussed the possibility of seeking funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. Following discussion, it was determined we won't be seeking any funds.
3. 2021 Financial Reports – Motion made by Dykstra to hire Richard Adamson to prepare the 2021 District financial reports and tax documents. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Legislative Update – East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson gave an update on potential legislative issues of interest in the upcoming session.
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. Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of the District will be held on January 19th at 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING

1. Legislative Breakfast – January 12, Pierre
2. VBWDD Board of Directors – January 19, Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Wayne Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

ARDEN ABILD
CHAIRMAN

