

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District

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STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

MINUTES

VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT JULY 15, 2020

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 7:00 p.m. for a regular meeting in the Automatic Irrigation building in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. The meeting was conducted for some members via Zoom video.

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
Jay Gilbertson - EDWDD
Charles Groen - TCCD

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 MAY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from May 20, 2020. There being no changes, Director Iverson moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$600.00 - Rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$100.00 - copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$168.72 - phone, internet, North Star Mutual \$159.50 - commercial insurance, Brad Preheim \$519.84- June wages, phone Brad Preheim \$586.80 - July wages, phone, Visa \$166.06 - travel, zoom subscription, SDUI \$3.64 - unemployment taxes, US Treasury \$329.21 - payroll taxes, Turner County Conservation District \$5,000.00 - tree grant, National Corn Growers Association \$500.00 - soil health grant, 2nd Quarter mileage & per diem: Bob Iverson \$78.50, Robin Dykstra \$78.50, Sarah Chadima \$78.50, Lowell Andersen \$95.75, Arden Abild \$93.45.

The July Budget Control report and grants payable list were reviewed. No changes were made.

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.

TURNER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Update - District Manager Charles Groen attended the meeting to give an update on tree planting for 2020. Despite the pandemic, the TCCD planted 7.2 acres of trees for 11 different landowners this year.

The VBWDD contributed \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for this year's tree planting and Mr. Groen is requesting those funds.

2. Project Assistance Request - With the continued success of the tree planting partnership between the TCCD and VBWDD, Mr. Groen would like to request another \$5,000.00 grant from the Board for 2021 tree planting.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant the Turner County Conservation District \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for tree planting in 2021. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS & GRANT AGREEMENTS

1. Resolution #20-08 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$25,000.00 to the City of Vermillion to be used for engineering costs on a flood mitigation plan. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #05-20 with the City of Vermillion. Following review, Director Chadima moved to approve and sign Resolution #20-08. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #05-20 - This grant agreement has been returned from the City of Vermillion with the proper signatures. The grant

is for the amount of up to \$25,000.00 and is to be used for engineering costs on a flood mitigation plan. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #05-20. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board reviewed the 2021 Proposed Budget as prepared by the Manager. Following discussion and some minor changes, Director Chadima moved to approve the 2021 Proposed Budget and publish it as required by statute. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Budget Hearing - Due to the current situation with COVID 19, the Board discussed alternatives for an in-person Budget Hearing with our small office and an unknown number of possible guests. Following discussion it was determined we would rent the Legion Hall in Centerville for the Budget Hearing to be held on August 26, 2020.
2. District Website - The Manager is researching various options to create a new website for the VBWDD.
3. Lake Thompson - East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson updated the Board on recent developments in regards to Lake Thompson and the desire to do maintenance and increase the flow of water through the outlet.
4. VBWDD Expansion - The current situation related to Lake Thompson has brought up once again the need for an entity to represent the entire watershed. The Manager will be in contact with some officials to raise the awareness of the subject.
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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. VBWDD Regular Meeting - August 26, Centerville
2. Board of Water & Natural Resources - Sep 24-25

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Dykstra moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorded by _____

ATTEST: _____