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STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
JULY 21, 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 in Centerville, South Dakota, on Wednesday, July 21st, 2021.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Arden Abild, Area 3  
Sarah Chadima, Area 2  
Wayne Davey, Area 4  
Robin Dykstra, Area 5

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Bob Iverson, Area 1

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brad Preheim - Staff  
Charles Groen - TCCD  
Dave Nelson - Swan Lake Assn  
Jay Gilbertson - EDWDD

Chairman Abild called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting. There being no changes, Director Dykstra 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 MAY MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining

to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from May 19, 2021. There being no changes, Director Chadima moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – June rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – July rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$81.87 – phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$82.02 – phone, internet, Visa \$159.65 – zoom subscription, City of Hurley \$5,000.00 – grant, Clay County Conservation District \$5,000.00 – grant, Brad Preheim \$616.80 – June wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$726.09 July wages, phone, US Treasury \$120.32 – payroll taxes, US Treasury \$136.34 – payroll taxes, S.D. Unemployment Ins .36 – unemployment taxes, North Star Mutual Insurance \$162.00 – office insurance. Board per diem & mileage: Wayne Davey \$100.35, Arden Abild \$93.45, Robin Dykstra \$118.17, Bob Iverson \$104.95, Sarah Chadima \$113.00.

The budget control and current grants payable were discussed. No changes were made.

Following discussion, motion made by Chadima, seconded by Davey 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. Tree Planting Update – District Manager Charles Groen attended the meeting to give an update on tree planting for 2021. This year the TCCD planted 8.7 acres of trees for 11 different landowners.

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 2022 tree planting.

Following discussion, Director Dykstra moved to grant the Turner County Conservation District \$5,000.00 in cost share assistance for tree planting in 2022. Seconded by Wayne Davey. Motion

passed unanimously.

Groen and the Board also discussed potential ways to increase awareness for tree planting and he will explore some options and get back to the Board on possible additional promotional grant funding.

#### **PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST – SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Dave Nelson from the Swan Lake Improvement Association attended the meeting to discuss a project and possible financial assistance. A control structure was put on the Turkey Creek inlet to Swan Lake years ago to help control silt infiltration into the lake. However, floodwaters entering the lake in recent years have been a problem. The Lake Association would like to look at some sort of a levee to mitigate the issue.

The Board discussed this with Mr. Nelson at length and suggested that more information be gathered from an engineer to determine the feasibility, cost and effectiveness of any potential levee. Additionally, permitting must be addressed as well as effects to other landowners.

Mr. Nelson will gather as much information as he can before possibly attending the August meeting to update the Board.

#### **RESOLUTIONS & GRANT AGREEMENTS**

1. Resolution #21-07 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to the City of Hurley to be used for engineering costs on their Center Ave project. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #04-21 with the City of Hurley. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Resolution #21-07. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #04-21 - This grant agreement has been returned from the City of Hurley with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$5,000.00 and is to be used for engineering costs on their Center Ave project. Following review, Director Chadima moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #04-21. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #21-08 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$9,000.00 to the City of Centerville to be used for a new storm water inlet project. The resolution also authorizes the

VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #05-21 with the City of Centerville. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Resolution #21-08. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant Agreement #05-21 - This grant agreement has been returned from the City of Centerville with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$9,000.00 and is to be used for a storm water inlet project. Following review, Director Sarah Chadima moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #05-21. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution #21-09 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$3,100.00 to the Town of Davis to be used for engineering costs on a flood water study. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #06-21 with the Town of Davis. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Resolution #21-09. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Grant Agreement #06-21 - This grant agreement has been returned from the Town of Davis with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$3,100.00 and is to be used for engineering costs on a flood water study. Following review, Director Davey moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #06-21. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. 2022 Proposed Budget - The Board reviewed the 2022 Proposed Budget as prepared by the Manager. The following changes were made: Motion made by Robin Dykstra and seconded by Sarah Chadima to change the Director meeting per diem from \$85 to \$100 per meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Chadima, seconded by Dykstra to contribute \$1,200.00 to the Manager's retirement. Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget and publish it as required by statute. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously. The budget hearing will be conducted during our August Board meeting.

2. Grant #02-20 - This grant to the Clay County Conservation District for tree planting has yet to be presented for payment. No action was taken as Manager Misi Kayl is planning on attending our August meeting with an update.

3. River Appreciation Day – After missing last fall at the river, they are hoping to be back at Clay County Park for this year's River Appreciation Day. The planned date is Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> is the rain date.

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. East Dakota Water Development District Manager Jay Gilbertson shared information with the Board in regards to activities in Pierre during the upcoming legislation session as well as a fall Water Development District Managers meeting in Chamberlain.

#### **UPCOMING MEETING**

1. VBWDD Board of Directors – August 25, Centerville
2. Board of Water & Natural Resources – Sep 29-30, Pierre

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Dykstra moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

**ARDEN ABILD**  
**CHAIRMAN**