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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  
MARCH 17, 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, March 17th, 2021. Some members participated via Zoom Communications.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Arden Abild, Area 3  
Sarah Chadima, Area 2  
Wayne Davey, Area 4  
Bob Iverson, Area 1  
Robin Dykstra, Area 5

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brad Preheim - Staff  
Linda Nelson - Hurley  
Jay Gilbertson - EDWDD  
Dick Hammond-Clay Co

Commission

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 FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from February 17, 2021. Director Dykstra noted that the second on the motion to approve the meeting schedule should have been listed as Chadima and not Dykstra. With that change, Director Dykstra moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – March rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 – copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$85.43 – phone, internet, Brad Preheim \$542.16 – March wages, phone, US Treasury \$192.82 – payroll taxes, Star Publishing \$9.15 – publishing, Marsh & McLennon \$1,658.00 E & O Ins, Jordan Merrigan \$200.00 – web development, Town of Chancellor \$7,000.00 – grant, Town of Wakonda \$5,000.00 – grant.

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

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

### **PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST – CITY OF HURLEY**

The Board reviewed a project assistance request from Hurley Finance Officer Marcy Hillman. Hurley continues its project to upgrade its sanitary sewer system along Center Avenue which serves its downtown and several public entities. The VBWDD Board previously granted \$5,000.00 towards this project. The City of Hurley is inquiring about additional assistance.

Hurley Mayor Linda Nelson and the Hurley City Council joined the meeting via phone to discuss the project. The amount of local cash required for the project is still being tabulated. For this reason, it was determined the assistance request would be better off discussed at a future meeting when more details are available.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to table the financial assistance request from the City of Hurley until the May meeting. Seconded by Wayne Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS & GRANT AGREEMENTS**

1. Resolution #21-05 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to the Town of Wakonda to be used for property acquisition to mitigate their sewer infiltration problem. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #02-21 with the Town of Wakonda. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Resolution #21-05. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #02-21 - This grant agreement has been returned from the Town of Wakonda with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$5,000.00 and is to be used for property acquisition to fix their sewer infiltration problems. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #02-21. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #21-06 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$7,000.00 to the Town of Chancellor to be used for an updated Facilities Plan. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #03-21 with the Town of Chancellor. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Resolution #21-06. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant Agreement #03-21 - This grant agreement has been returned from the Town of Chancellor with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$7,000.00 and is to be used for updating their Facilities Plan. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #03-21. Seconded by Wayne Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Legislative Update - East Dakota WDD Manager Jay Gilbertson updated the Board on legislative issues of interest to us from the 2021 Legislative Session.

2. River Appreciation Day - This event is normally held in Clay County Park and is an educational opportunity for many local youth. Due to COVID concerns, the live event was cancelled this year. The sponsors are planning some virtual videos that can be shared with the schools. They are looking for financial assistance for this project.

Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to donate \$500.00 towards the virtual River Appreciation Day in 2021. Seconded by Wayne Davey. Motion passed unanimously. It was also noted that should they have a budget shortfall this year, we are open to helping out with some additional funds.

3. VBWDD Expansion – Manager Preheim indicated that an election in McCook County in 2022 is still being planned to determine their interest in joining the VBWDD.

4. TLC WPD Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of the Turner Lincoln Clay Water Project District will be held on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Some items of discussion pertinent to the VBWDD were shared.

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 Cancel April Meeting – Motion made by Iverson, seconded by Dykstra to cancel the April meeting due to lack of timely business. Motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

1. Board of Water & Natural Resources – March 25-26, Pierre
2. TLC Water Project District Annual Meeting – April 6, Centerville
3. VBWDD Board of Directors – May 19, Centerville

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ARDEN ABILD  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST: BRAD PREHEIM  
MANAGER**

