

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District

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MINUTES

VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY 20, 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, May 20, 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
Jose Dominguez - Vermillion
Scyller Borglum - State Rep

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. Director Chadima indicated she will not participate in the discussion on funding assistance for the SD DENR.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

State Representative Scyller Borglum was given time to introduce herself as a candidate for the United States Senate.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to

the Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 15, 2020. There being no changes, Director Iverson moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$1,200.00 - Rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$200.00 - copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$336.16 - phone, internet, Star Publishing \$37.67 - publishing, Broadcaster Press \$55.18 - publishing, New Century Press \$28.26 - publishing, Pressing Matters \$60.70 - name plates, Marsh & McClellan \$1,513.00 - E & O Insurance, SDARWS \$525.00 - dues, Edward Jones \$1,000.00 - retirement fund, Brad Preheim \$716.09 - February wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$820.17 - March wages, travel, phone, Brad Preheim \$422.87 - April wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$831.06 - May wages, travel, phone, Visa \$47.72 - supplies, lobby registration, Visa \$27.87 - travel, SDUI \$8.01 - unemployment taxes, US Treasury \$1,266.27 - payroll taxes, City of Hurley \$5,000.00 - grant, City of Viborg \$9,000.00 - grant, Town of Wakonda \$4,500 - grant, East Dakota WDD \$4,770.00 - grant, Thomson Agency \$100.00 - bond. 1st Quarter mileage & per diem: Bob Iverson \$104.95, Robin Dykstra \$118.18, Sarah Chadima \$107.25, Lowell Andersen \$95.75, Arden Abild \$244.39.

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

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

PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

1. City of Vermillion - City Engineer Jose Dominquez updated the Board on a current project. Over the last few years the City of Vermillion has experienced localized flooding in the Highway 50 watershed. The City's drainage system is strongly influenced by this problem and it has caused recurring flooding in areas of the City.

The City has hired SEH Engineering at a cost of approximately \$61,638.00 to address these problems.

The City of Vermillion is requesting \$30,000.00 in financial assistance for these costs. The Board discussed this situation at length with Mr. Dominquez.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to grant the City of Vermillion up to \$25,000.00 for this project. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. SD DENR - EDWDD Manager Jay Gilbertson attended the meeting to discuss a change in the project assistance request from the SD DENR gaging network.

Recent persistent high water levels in area lakes and streams has prompted a renewed interest in the existing real-time water level and stream flow data available from the network of state and federal stream gages. A majority of the gages involved are run by the US Geological Survey (with help from various partners), however, there is a modest network of gages managed by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Some of these gages have been upgraded and supported to real-time reporting capability. However, 24 remaining gaging stations still require periodic, manual data downloads.

The disbanded South Dakota Lakes and Streams organization has agreed to contribute \$26,000 towards the upgrades.

The initial grant from the VBWDD included up to \$4,500.00 for this project. However, the actual final cost was \$4,770.00. Mr. Gilbertson is requesting the additional funding.

Following discussion, Director Dykstra moved to grant an additional \$270.00 to the SD DENR Gaging network for these upgrades. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously. (Director Chadima Abstained)

3. TM Rural Water - The TM Rural Water System recently relocated a water pipe that had been exposed due to flooding last fall. They were discussing further measures with a nearby landowner and could possibly request VBWDD funding in the near future. The Manager updated the Board on the possible project. There was no need for action at this time.

RESOLUTIONS & GRANT AGREEMENTS

1. Resolution #20-04 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to the City of Hurley to be used for engineering costs to amend their facility plan. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #03-20 with the City of Hurley. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Resolution #20-04. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant Agreement #03-20 - 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 to update their facility plan. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #03-20. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #20-05 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$9,000.00 to the City of Viborg to be used for a facility plan update. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #04-20 with the City of Viborg. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Resolution #20-05. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant Agreement #04-20 - This grant agreement has been returned from the City of Viborg with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$9,000.00 and is to be used for engineering fees to update their facility plan. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #04-20. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution #20-06 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to the Turner County Conservation District to be used for tree planting. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #01-20 with the Turner County Conservation District. Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve and sign Resolution #20-06. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Grant Agreement #01-20 - This grant agreement has been returned from the Turner County Conservation District with the proper signatures. The grant is for the amount of up to \$5,000.00 and is to be used for tree planting. Following review, Director Andersen moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #01-20. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution #20-07 - This resolution authorizes a grant of up to \$2,500.00 to the Clay County Conservation District to be used for tree planting. The resolution also authorizes the VBWDD to enter into Grant Agreement #02-20 with the Clay County Conservation District. Following review, Director Chadima moved to approve and sign Resolution #20-07. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Grant Agreement #02-20 - 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 \$2,500.00 and is to be used for tree planting. Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve and sign Grant Agreement #02-20. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. VBWDD Expansion - The bill in this year's session to expand the VBWDD to include a majority of the Vermillion Watershed was tabled

due to concerns from the DENR. The next step to move forward with this would be to have an election in McCook County. With the COVID 19 situation, that is something that is unlikely to happen this year.

2. Legislative Update - the two main bills of note for the VBWDD were HB 1118 (district expansion) and HB 1058 (provisions for minor changes to water development district statute). HB 1118 was tabled at the request of the sponsor and HB 1058 passed and was signed by the Governor.

3. District Website - The Manager is researching various options to create a new website for the VBWDD.

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. June Meeting - Director Iverson moved to cancel the June meeting due to the lack of timely business. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously. The Board will meet again in July.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Board of Water & Natural Resources - June 25-26
2. VBWDD Regular Meeting - July 15, Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Dykstra moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Lowell Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorded by _____

ATTEST: _____