

The Vermillion Basin Water Development District

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Serving the counties of Turner and Clay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN: Arden Abild - Area 3, Wakonda
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SECRETARY: Bob Iverson - Area 1, Vermillion
Sarah Chadima - Area 2, Vermillion
Lowell Andersen - Area 4, Hurley

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

MINUTES

VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OCTOBER 21, 2020

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, October 21st, 2020. Some members participated via Zoom Communications.

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
Wayne Davey
Jay Gilbertson - EDWDD
Misi Kayl - CCCD

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 AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from August 26, 2020. There

being no changes, Director Dykstra moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 - Rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 - Rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 - copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 - copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$84.78 - phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$84.86 - phone, internet, Broadcaster Press \$118.98 - publishing, Star Publishing \$52.80 - publishing, Brad Preheim \$509.84 - September wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$905.03 - October wages, phone, Visa \$74.22 - supplies, travel, SDUI \$.41 - unemployment ins, US Treasury \$219.24 - payroll taxes, US Treasury \$130.33 - payroll taxes, US Postal Service \$55.00 - postage. Board per diem & mileage: Lowell Andersen - \$191.49 - 3rd quarter, Wayne Davey \$21.85 - 3rd quarter, Sarah Chadima \$191.49 - 3rd quarter, Arden Abild \$186.89 - 3rd quarter, Bob Iverson \$183.44 - 3rd quarter, Robin Dykstra \$197.24 - 3rd quarter.

The October Budget Control report and grants payable list were reviewed. Motion made by Chadima, seconded by Andersen to transfer \$58.51 from budget category "Board of Directors" to budget category "Publishing". Motion passed unanimously.

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

2021 TAX LEVY

1. Mill Levy - The total property valuation for the District this year is \$2,666,358,392. The tax revenue proposed for 2021 is \$90,000. This amount exceeds the amount that can be requested so the request amount will be reduced to \$83,902.00. This results in a mill levy of .031.

2. Resolution #21-01 - This resolution authorizes a tax to be placed on all real property in Turner and Clay counties for the purposes of financing the VBWDD budget for 2021.

Following review, Director Dykstra moved to approve Resolution #21-01. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Grant #02-20 - Clay County Conservation District (CCCD) Manager Misi Kayl attended the meeting and discussed the reduced demand for tree planting this past spring. Subsequently, the grant has not been used and she would like to have the funds available for use during

the 2021 tree planting year.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to extend the CCCD grant for tree planting through 2021. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Tree Cooler - CCCD Manager Kayl informed the Board that a tree cooler has been purchased for the district. The total cost was \$5,720.00. The previously awarded grant of \$5,000.00 to be used towards this purchase will be paid once the paperwork has been received.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. VBWDD Expansion - The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has informed the district that they would like to see an election in McCook County to determine local support in joining the VBWDD. The DENR will not support legislation to expand our district to include a majority of the Vermillion Watershed without such an election.

Senator Art Rusch has discussed the possibility of assisting with legislation that would allow this election to take place during a special election rather than waiting for the 2022 general election.

Manager Preheim checked with DENR Secretary Hunter Roberts and Mr. Roberts has indicated his department will not oppose potential legislation to that affect. Preheim indicated that he will continue to work with EDWDD Manager Jay Gilbertson on the logistics of a special election.

2. District Website - The Board discussed various examples of websites that we may want to emulate.

3. Lake Thompson - The outlet debris removal project has been completed with minimal effect on the downstream water levels.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Board of Water & Natural Resources - Nov 5, Pierre
2. VBWDD Regular Meeting - December 16, Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Dykstra moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorded by _____

ATTEST: _____