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Sarah Chadima - Area 2, Vermillion
Wayne Davey - Area 4, Hurley

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20th, 2021.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Preheim - Staff
Dave Nelson - Swan Lake Assn

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 25, 2021. It was noted that Director Dykstra approved the July Minutes,

not Director Iverson. It was also noted that Director Davey's name was misspelled under Other Business item 5. With those changes, Director Dykstra

moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Sarah Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Outstanding bills include: Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – September rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$300.00 – October 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 \$81.61 – phone, internet, Brad Preheim \$552.16 – September wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$1,148.22 – October wages, phone, travel, New Century Press \$62.48 – publishing, Broadcaster Press \$118.98 – publishing, River Appreciation Day \$500.00 – donation grant, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 – website maintenance, US Treasury \$298.84 – payroll taxes. Board per diem & Travel: Sarah Chadima \$191.49 – 3rd quarter, Bob Iverson 104.95 – 3rd quarter, Wayne Davey \$178.84 – 3rd quarter, Robin Dykstra \$236.34 – 3rd quarter, Arden Abild \$186.89 – 3rd quarter.

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

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

PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST – SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Dave Nelson from the Swan Lake Improvement Association attended the meeting to follow up a project that has been discussed at two prior meetings. He informed the Board in July that 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.

DGR Engineering has presented a scope of services on the project for a total cost of \$12,800.00. This proposal and the possible project that could result from it were discussed at length with Mr. Nelson. One concern the Board had was the likelihood of the project moving forward once the study was completed. At this

time the Swan Lake Association hasn't committed any funds to the study or potential project.

The Board indicated some interest in helping finance the study. However, with no other funds committed, they felt the engineering study could be a waste of tax dollars.

Following discussion, Director Iverson moved to deny financial assistance at this time. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board welcomed the Swan Lake Association to revisit this project if other funds are obtained.

2022 TAX LEVY

1. Mill Levy – The total property valuation for the District this year is \$2,684,216,276. The tax revenue proposed for 2022 is \$90,000. This results in a rounded mill levy of .032.

2. Resolution #22-01 – 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 2022.

Following review, Director Chadima moved to approve Resolution #22-01. Seconded by Bob Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. River Appreciation Day – Director Chadima updated the Board on the recent River Appreciation Day. The event was a success.

2. Eastern SD Water Conference – The Manager updated the Board on this conference.

3. WDD Managers Meeting – The Manager updated the Board on the recent water development district managers meeting.

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

UPCOMING MEETING

1. McCook County Commission – October 26, Salem
2. Board of Water & Natural Resources – Nov 4, Pierre
3. VBWDD Board of Directors – December 15, Centerville

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Robin Dykstra. Motion passed unanimously.

ARDEN ABILD
CHAIRMAN