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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CHAIR: Arden Abild - Area 3, Wakonda  
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SECRETARY: Bob Iverson - Area 1, Vermillion  
Sarah Chadima - Area 2, Vermillion  
Wayne Davey - Area 4, Hurley  
Steve Gordon - McCook County

STAFF: Brad Preheim- Manager/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
VERMILLION BASIN WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Vermillion Basin Water Development District (VBWDD) convened at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting at the district office in Centerville, South Dakota on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brad Preheim - Manager  
Jeff Church - Vermillion  
Fred Butzke - McCook Co CD

Chairman Abild called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Chairman Abild asked if any Directors had a conflict of interest in regards to any agenda item. No conflicts were noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Church introduced himself and indicated he was in attendance to learn more about what the organization does.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Abild asked for any additions or corrections pertaining

to the Board of Directors meeting minutes from August 23, 2023. There being no changes, Director Iverson moved to approve those minutes. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Outstanding bills: Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - September rent & utilities, Tim & Kim Eide \$325.00 - October rent & utilities, Century Business Products \$50.00 - September copier lease, Century Business Products \$50.00 - October copier lease, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.12 - September phone, internet, Fort Randall Telephone \$83.63 - October phone, internet, Internal Revenue \$357.04 - Payroll taxes, Visa \$31.76 - Travel, Broadcaster Press \$48.77 - Publishing, New Century Press \$275.06 - Publishing, SDSU \$75.00 - Conference registration, Brad Preheim \$689.92 - September wages, phone, Brad Preheim \$1,094.21 - October wages, travel, phone. Edward Jones \$1,500.00 - Retirement account, SDUI \$12.60 - Payroll taxes, Jordan Merrigan \$120.00 - Web Maintenance, Fred Butzke \$83.84 - mileage. Board of Director Payroll & Travel: Bob Iverson \$327.49 - 3rd quarter 2023, Steve Gordon \$197.80 - 3rd quarter 2023, Sarah Chadima \$302.60 - 3rd quarter 2023, Arden Abild \$218.76 - 3rd quarter 2023, Wayne Davey \$277.71 - 3rd quarter 2023, Robin Dykstra \$211.43 - 3rd quarter 2023.

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

#### **MCCOOK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT - PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST**

The Board reviewed a project assistance request letter from the McCook County Conservation District. The District is requesting cost share assistance to help promote tree planting in the county. Fred Butzke discussed their tree planting program and ideas for utilizing any granted cost share funding.

The VBWDD has granted tree planting cost share money in both Clay and Turner counties in the past with good results.

Following discussion, Director Chadima moved to grant up to \$5,000 to the McCook County Conservation District for tree planting cost share in 2024. Seconded by Director Davey. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2024 TAX LEVY**

1. Mill Levy - The total property valuation for the District this year is \$4,419,117,563. The tax revenue proposed for 2024 is \$130,126. This results in a rounded mill levy of .029.

2. Resolution #24-01 - This resolution authorizes a tax to be placed on all real property in Turner, Clay and McCook counties for the purposes of financing the VBWDD budget for 2024.

Following review, Director Iverson moved to approve Resolution #24-01. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

### **SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION**

The Swan Lake Association informed the Board that there are potential changes to the scope of the study to be conducted by DGR Engineering. The VBWDD had previously committed to financial aid to be used towards the study.

Due to the potential changes in the cost and scope of the study, Director Davey moved to table the approval of the grant agreement with the Swan Lake Association. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

The Board discussed ongoing projects of interest to the District that included the City of Centerville, Clay Rural Water System and Town of Chancellor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Expansion Discussion - Manager Preheim informed the Board that he and EDWDD Manager Jay Gilbertson have begun discussions with legislators in regards to upcoming legislation with the hope of finalizing the District boundary expansion.

2. Eastern South Dakota Water Conference - Manager Preheim updated the Board on this conference he attended.

3. River Appreciation Day - Director Chadima updated the Board on this event that was recently held at Clay County Park.

4. TLC Water Project District Update - The Manager briefly updated the Board on the activities of this district.

5. Correspondence & Literature - Various items from the past month were shared with the Board.

6. Cancel November Meeting - Due to lack of timely business, Director Davey moved to cancel the November Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Director Iverson. Motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

1. VBWDD Board of Directors - December 20th - 3:00 p.m.  
Centerville
2. Legislative Activities - January 9-11, Pierre
3. VBWDD Annual Meeting - January 17, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.  
Centerville

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Iverson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Director Chadima. Motion passed unanimously.

**ARDEN ABILD  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST: BRAD PREHEIM  
MANAGER**