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**MINUTES**  
**February 20, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the EDWDD office in Brookings. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The following persons attended:

**Directors Present**

Mark Anderson  
Jeff Barth  
Rick Bonander  
Debra Elofson  
Spencer Hawley  
Bob Kappel  
Troy Larson  
Julie Loveland-Swanstrom\*  
John Moes

**Directors Absent**

- none -

**Others Present**

Jamie Haueter, U.S. Geological Survey\*  
Galen Hoogestraat, U.S. Geological Survey\*  
Nurul Islam, South Dakota State University  
Brian Logue, South Dakota State University  
John Maursetter, South Dakota State University  
Chris Schmit, South Dakota State University

**Staff Present**

Jaelynn Dreckman\*  
Jay Gilbertson  
Deb Springman

\* - participated by way of video-conferencing.

**Administrative Items**

**Approval of Agenda -**

**Motion** by Moes, seconded by Hawley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes** - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, meeting. Director Larson noted that the start time listed for the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting should read 10:00 a.m., rather than 9:00 a.m.

**Motion** by Larson, seconded by Bonander to approve the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Minutes as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the January 2025 financial reports.

**Motion** by Moes, seconded by Hawley to accept the January 2025 financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Anderson then asked that the reports be placed in the District files.

Selection of Area 7 and 8 Directors - The Manager reviewed the process for making vacancy appointments to fill the current vacancies in Director Areas 7 and 8. At the October 2024 meeting, the Board acknowledged the vacancy in Director Area 7, and that a vacancy would exist for Director Area 8 as of January 1, 2025. SDCL 46A-3B-9 allows for the remaining Board members to appoint a replacement director from qualified candidates proposed by nominating petitions, signed by at least 25 eligible voters from the area. Public notices of the vacancy were sent to the official newspaper for the areas in November 2024, with a filing deadline of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as well as an indication that the vacancy would be addressed, if possible, at that meeting.

As of the filing deadline, the District had received only one valid nominating petition (Debra Elofson, Sioux Falls) for the vacant Director Area 8 position. Unfortunately, Ms. Elofson was unable to attend, and action was deferred until this meeting. In early February, the Manager received a valid nominating petition (Julie Loveland-Swanstrom, Sioux Falls) for the vacant Director Area 7 position. Ms. Elofson was present at the meeting, and Ms. Loveland-Swanstrom joined the meeting remotely.

**Motion** by Hawley, seconded by Moes to appoint Julie Loveland-Swanstrom of Sioux Falls as the Director Area 7 representative through the end of December 2026, and to appoint Debra Elofson of Sioux Falls as the Director Area 8 representative through the end of December 2028. Motion carried unanimously. The two newly appointed director joined the Board.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Larson reported on the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems Manager's Group meeting in Pierre on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Pierre.

The Manager briefly summarized the following meetings he attended since the January 2025 Board meeting:

1. January 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> - Pierre. Lobbying/testifying for HB 1072.
2. January 29<sup>th</sup> - South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Source Water Protection Workshop, Pierre.
3. January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - SDARWS Manager's Group Meeting, Pierre.
4. February 4<sup>th</sup> - 2025 Big Sioux Water Festival Planning meeting, Brookings.
5. February 5<sup>th</sup> - SD Lakes & Streams Association Board of Directors, Brookings.
6. February 6<sup>th</sup> - SDSU Griffith Chair/WRI Director Interviews, Brookings.
7. February 7<sup>th</sup> - Testify in support of SB 33, remote.
8. February 11<sup>th</sup> - 2025 ESD Water Conference Planning meeting, Brookings.
9. February 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - Lobbying/testifying for HB 1072, HB 1157 and SB 33, Pierre.
10. February 19<sup>th</sup> - Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, remote attendance.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** - Pierre. South Dakota Water Management Board. EDWDD Future Use Permit.

2. **March 11<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m. (MST)** - Rapid City. West Dakota WDD Board of Directors.
3. **March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Pierre. Last regular day of the 2023 Legislative Session.
4. **March 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m.** - JRWDD Office, Huron. James River WDD Board of Directors.
5. **March 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m.** - SDSU, Brookings. 2025 ESD Water Conference Planning meeting.
6. **March 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.** - Centerville. Vermillion Basin WDD Board of Directors meeting.
7. **March 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. March EDWDD Board of Directors.
8. **March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** - Pierre. 2025 Environmental & Water Quality Conference.
9. **March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** - Pierre. South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources.
10. **March 31<sup>st</sup>** - Final day of the 2023 Legislative Session (Veto Day).

Consideration of Revisions to the 2025 District Budget - The Manager presented a year-end summary of fiscal year 2024 expenditures and expenses, and reviewed proposed changes to the FY 2025 District budget (below). He noted that the changes primarily reflect the actual year-end 2024 expenditures and account balances, along with carry-over of funds that had been obligated but not expended. He noted the following particular adjustments:

1. Appropriations - Operational Expenses: \$1,000 net increase due to increases in Rentals and Travel, and a reduction in Election Expenses;
2. Appropriations - Project Assistance: \$381,509 increase due to carry over of unobligated project assistance funds and obligated funds not yet expended at the close of FY 2024;
3. Means of Finance - Capital Reserves: \$378,649 increase as the result of carry over of unobligated 2024 grant assistance funds, along with committed, but unexpended, grants; and
4. Means of Finance - Miscellaneous Revenue: Net \$1,140 reduction due to lower grant receivables, but higher interest returns.

### FY 2025 BUDGET

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		INITIAL BUDGET	OPERATIONAL BUDGET
01	Board of Directors	\$ 41,392	\$ 41,392
02	Administration	\$ 212,501	\$ 212,501
03	Technical Assistance	\$ 357,998	\$ 357,998
04	Operational Expenses	\$ 142,750	\$ 143,750
05	Professional Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000
06	Capitol Outlay	\$ 63,500	\$ 63,500
07	External Grant Expenditures	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
08	Project Assistance	\$ 515,560	\$ 897,069
09	Contingency	\$ <u>150,000</u>	\$ <u>150,000</u>
TOTAL FY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 1,843,700	\$ 2,221,209

<u>MEANS OF FINANCE</u>			
100	Tax Revenue	\$ 983,700	\$ 983,700
200	External Grant Revenue	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
300	Capitol Reserve Transfer	\$ 450,000	\$ 828,649
400	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ <u>110,000</u>	\$ <u>108,860</u>
TOTAL FY 2025 MEANS OF FINANCE		\$ 1,843,700	\$ 2,221,209

**Motion** by Barth, seconded by Hawley to approve the carry-over of funds from 2024 and to adopt the proposed adjustments to the 2025 District operational budget. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Project Assistance Request(s)**

United States Geological Survey - The Manager reviewed a proposed joint funding agreement (JFA) between the District and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Upper Midwest Water Science Center (UMWSC) for support of stream gaging stations for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 (October 2024 - September 2025).

During FFY 2023 and 2024, the District provided cost-share assistance through the UMWSC for two stream gages, one on the Whetstone River near Big Stone City and the other on the Yellow Bank River near Odessa, MN, at a cost of \$6,652. The proposed FFY 2025 JFA would be for a continuation of support for these gages at a one-year cost of \$3,426. Support for these gages is also provided by the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District, the Lac qui Parle/Yellow Bank Watershed District, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

The Manager requested Board approval of the JFA to support stream gaging activities in FFY 2025.

**Motion** by Barth, seconded by Bonander to approve the FFY 2025 JFA with the USGS UMWSC for \$3,426, and to authorize the Manager to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Informational Presentations**

US Geological Survey - Dakota Water Science Center - Galen Hoogestraat, supervisory hydrologist for the United States Geological Survey Dakota Water Science Center (DWSC), provided an overview of DWSC activities, and discussed some of the efforts with which East Dakota has been a cooperator.

South Dakota State University - Water Resources Institute - John Maursetter presented a summary of the history and activities of the South Dakota Water Resources Institute (WRI), based at South Dakota State University (SDSU).

South Dakota State University - Water & Environmental Engineering Research Center - Dr. Chris Schmit, with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, provided an overview of the activities of the Water and Environmental Engineering Research Center (WEERC), located at SDSU.

Dr. Schmit, along with faculty from the SDSU Department of Chemistry, also reviewed efforts underway to establish a laboratory certified to analyze environmental samples, including water, for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS. They noted that SDSU has the necessary equipment and faculty to work with these materials, and as there are no certified laboratories within South Dakota at this time, developing this capacity seems appropriate. Dr. Schmit indicated they were developing a proposal to complete the certification process, and would likely be seeking District assistance in the effort in the near future.

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## 2025 Legislative Session Review

The Manager reviewed the status of numerous bills (listed below) he is tracking as the District lobbyist during the ongoing 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the South Dakota Legislature:

**Senate Bill (SB) 14**, An Act to revise and repeal provisions related to agricultural production facilities and to provide a penalty therefor.

**SB 22**, An Act to modify provisions pertaining to the submission of a nominating petition.

**SB 33**, An Act to make appropriations for water and environmental purposes and to declare an emergency.

**SB 74**, An Act to require the publication and review of an explanation of the open meeting laws of this state.

**SB 133**, An Act to repeal enforcement provisions and modify requirements related to the fluoridation of public water supplies.

**SB 202**, An Act to create the water infrastructure development fund.

**Senate Joint Resolution 501**, Providing legislative approval for a future use water permit application by the Western Dakota Regional Water System.

**House Bill (HB) 1021**, An Act to modify the annual fee for concentrated animal feeding operations and to establish an application fee.

**HB 1108**, An Act to create the McCook Lake contingency fund and to transfer moneys to the fund.

**HB 1072**, An Act to modernize provisions relating to water development districts.

**HB 1107**, An Act to prohibit natural asset companies.

**HB 1156**, An Act to provide for the administrative approval of certain drainage applications by counties.

**HB 1157**, An Act to remove the maximum fee limit due when applying for a county drainage permit.

**HB 1234**, An Act to revise the requirements for content reported on a property tax bill.

**HB 1237**, An Act to make an appropriation for the Custer West Dam.

**HB 1244**, An Act to make certain federal laws applicable to public employees.

**House Concurrent Resolution 6010**, Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council to establish an interim legislative committee on preserving and protecting the Black Hills of South Dakota.

## Adjournment

There being no further District business or other matters, Chairman Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Spencer Hawley, Secretary