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MINUTES
April 16, 2020

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on April 16th, 2020, by way of a telephone conference call. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Mark Anderson
Jeff Barth
Mary Ellen Connelly
Gary Duffy
Spencer Hawley
Martin Jarrett
Kay Kassube
Dana Loseke

Others Present

Sherry Bell, Town of Erwin

Directors Absent

John Moes

Staff Present

Jay Gilbertson

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Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda -

Motion by Duffy, seconded by Loseke to approve the agenda as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the March 19th, 2020, Board meeting.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Connelly to approve the Minutes of the March 19th, 2020, Board meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the March 2020 financial reports.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Kassube to accept the March 2020 financial report. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Anderson then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

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Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Loseke participated in webinars sponsored by the Izaak Walton League entitled, “Salt in the Water: Action on the Ground,” and, “Agriculture- Water Quality Problem or Solution?”

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **April 16th - 10:00 a.m.** - teleconference. South Dakota Board of Minerals & Environment.
2. **April 17th - 10:00 a.m.** - teleconference. South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources.
3. **April 27th - 10:00 a.m.** - teleconference. South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources.
4. **May 14th - 9:00 a.m.** - Mitchell. James River WDD Board of Directors meeting.
5. **May 21st - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. May EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

Payment Request(s) - The Manager presented the Board with two reimbursement requests from the sponsors of District-supported projects. He noted that both requests were in order, and consistent with provisions set by the Board at the time of award, and that these would be the final requests for both activities. He requested authorization to pay the following:

<u>Grant Recipient/Activity</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
City of Colman/Stormwater Facility Plan	\$ 10,000.00
SDSM&T/Big Sioux River Water Quality Trend Assessment (Kunza)	<u>\$ 4,896.89</u>
Total	\$ 14,896.89

Motion by Duffy, seconded by Jarrett to authorize payments totaling \$14,896.89 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Director Vacancies - The Manager noted that at the end of calendar year 2020, the terms of office for District directors from even-numbered director areas (2 - Duffy, 4 - Jarrett, 6 - Kassube & 8 - Connelly) will expire. At the conclusion of the filing period for the 2020 general election, single petitions had been filed with the Secretary of State’s office for the vacancies in director areas 2 (incumbent director Gary Duffy, Oldham) and 4 (Steve Dick, Hartford). As such, both gentlemen will assume office on January 1, 2021, for four year terms.

The Manager stated that no petitions were filed for the pending vacancies in director areas 6 and 8. As such, these positions will need to be filled via vacancy appointments by the Board, as per South Dakota Codified Law 46A-3B-9, early next year. The process would be initiated later on in the fall. Provided they still qualified, the current directors could remain in office until replacements are seated.

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Project Assistance Request(s)

Town of Erwin - Sherry Bell, Board President for the Town of Erwin, presented a request for District cost-share assistance in the plugging of an old town well. The well, drilled in 1956, was completed in the artesian Dakota aquifer. The well has been un-used since the early 1990s, with community members now getting their water from the KingBrook Rural Water System as individual hook ups. A local well driller has developed a cost estimate of roughly \$4,980 to cap and seal the well.

The Manager indicated that this was the first request of this type during his tenure, and while the activity might be construed as normal operations and maintenance, it is also one that provides a degree of water source protection. Any decision on this request would/could be viewed as establishing a precedent for subsequent requests of a comparable nature. He asked the Board to consider two issues. First, that the work would be done in accordance with relevant state statutes and rules regarding well plugging. Second, that consideration of any other comparable requests be deferred until a formal policy could be developed and adopted regarding how similar support might be made available.

Motion by Kassube, seconded by Loseke to provide the Town of Erwin cost-share assistance to cover fifty percent (50%) of the costs needed to decommission the Erwin municipal well, up to a maximum amount of \$2,500, provided the work is completed in compliance with applicable state regulations. Further, that the Board defer any future requests for comparable assistance until a formal policy is developed and adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further District business, Chairman Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Spencer Hawley, Secretary