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MINUTES
February 20, 2020

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on February 20, 2020, at the EDWDD office in Brookings. Vice-Chairman Loseke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Jeff Barth
Gary Duffy
Spencer Hawley
Martin Jarrett
Kay Kassube
Dana Loseke
John Moes

Others Present

John McMaine, South Dakota State University

Directors Absent

Mark Anderson
Mary Ellen Connelly

Staff Present

Barry Berg
Jay Gilbertson

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Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda - The Manager noted that the scheduled presentation on the 2018 District fiscal audit would be given at the march 2020 Board meeting.

Motion by Barth, seconded by Jarrett to approve the agenda as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 15th, 2020, meeting.

Motion by Hawley, seconded by Kassube to approve the January 15th, 2020, Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Duffy, seconded by Barth to accept the January 2020 financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman Loseke then asked that the reports be placed in the District files.

Consideration of Revisions to the 2020 District Budget - The Manager presented a year-end summary of fiscal year 2019 expenditures and expenses, and reviewed changes to the FY 2020 District budget (below). He noted that the changes primarily reflect the actual year-end 2019 expenditures and account balances, along with carry-over of funds that had been obligated but not expended. He noted the following adjustments:

1. Appropriations - Increases to health insurance and water quality analysis;
2. Appropriations - Project Assistance: \$374,498 increase due to carry over of unobligated project assistance funds, along with funds previously committed to projects that had not been expended by the close of FY 2019;
3. Means of Finance - Capital Reserves: \$255,733 increase as the result of carry over of unobligated 2019 grant assistance funds, along with committed, but unexpended, grants; and
4. Means of Finance - Miscellaneous Revenue: \$148,765 increase due to 2019 grant receivables.

		FY 2020 BUDGET	
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		INITIAL BUDGET	OPERATIONAL BUDGET
01	Board of Directors	\$ 41,677	\$ 41,677
02	Administration	\$ 141,499	\$ 141,499
03	Technical Assistance	\$ 316,231	\$ 316,231
04	Operational Expenses	\$ 109,500	\$ 138,500
05	Professional Services	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
06	Capitol Outlay	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
07	External Grant Expenditures	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
08	Project Assistance	\$ 165,192	\$ 590,325
09	Contingency	<u>\$ 110,000</u>	<u>\$ 110,000</u>
TOTAL FY 2020 APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 1,289,100	\$ 1,743,233
<u>MEANS OF FINANCE</u>			
100	Tax Revenue	\$ 794,500	\$ 794,500
200	External Grant Revenue	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
300	Capitol Reserve Transfer	\$ 200,000	\$ 455,733
400	Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 62,500</u>	<u>\$ 211,265</u>
TOTAL FY 2020 MEANS OF FINANCE		\$ 1,507,000	\$ 1,911,498

Motion by Moes, seconded by Barth to approve the carry-over of funds from 2019 and to adopt the proposed adjustments to the 2020 District operational budget. Motion carried unanimously.

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Report of Meetings and Conferences - Chairman Anderson, Vice-Chairman Loseke and the Manager met with the auditors to review preliminary findings for the 2018 fiscal audit in Sioux Falls on February 7th.

Directors Anderson, Barth and Loseke attended the Legislative Panel held as part of the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Annual Technical Conference on January 16th in Pierre.

Director Loseke attended a variety of meetings and events, including a January 22nd NRCS State Technical Committee (Huron), Commerce & Energy Committee hearing on January 28th (Pierre), and the February 3rd Friends of the Big Sioux River (Sioux Falls).

The Manager briefly summarized the following meetings he attended since the January 2018 Board meeting:

1. January 15th - James River WDD Board of Directors meeting, Pierre; and SD Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Annual Technical Conference Legislative Reception, Pierre.
2. January 16th - SDARWS Legislative Panel discussion, Pierre.
3. January 22nd - Vermillion Basin WDD Board of Directors meeting, Centerville.
4. January 29th - SDARWS Source Water Protection Workshop, Pierre.
5. January 29th & 30th - SDARWS Manager's Group meeting, Pierre.

In addition, the Manager acted in his capacity as District lobbyist to the 2020 South Dakota Legislature in Pierre during this period.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **January 8th thru March 29th** - State Capitol Building, Pierre. 94th Session of the South Dakota Legislature.
2. **February 25th - 1:00 p.m.** - Pipestone, MN. Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water Annual Operations & Contingency Meeting.
3. **February 26th & 27th** - Pierre. South Dakota Water Management Board.
4. **March 5th - 3:00 p.m.** - teleconference. USEPA/USDA NRCS Water Quality Protection.
5. **March 10th - 6:00 p.m. (MST)** - Rapid City. West Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors meeting.
6. **March 12th - 9:00 a.m.** - Huron. James River Water Development District Board of Directors meeting.
7. **March 18th - 7:00 p.m.** - Centerville. Vermillion Basin Water Development District Board of Directors meeting.
8. **March 19th - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. March EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

Payment Request(s) - The Manager presented the Board with five reimbursement requests from the sponsors of District-supported projects. He noted that each request was in order, and consistent with provisions set by the Board at the time of award. He requested authorization to pay the following:

<u>Grant Recipient/Activity</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
USGS/Real-time nitrate monitoring on BSR near Dell Rapids	\$ 3,250.00
Town of Nunda/Drinking water system facility plan	\$ 1,000.00
SDSU (Hua)/Bacteria removal from stormwater using steel byproducts	\$ 393.06
SDSU (Hua)/Nitrate removal using agricultural residue media (two bills)	\$ 655.39
Total	\$ 5,298.45

Motion by Barth, seconded by Jarrett to authorize payments totaling \$5,298.45 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Assistance Requests

United States Geological Survey - The Manager presented a request for District cost-share assistance from the United States Geological Survey Dakota Water Science Center (USGS) for support of a real-time nitrate monitoring device on the Big Sioux River. He noted that since May 2014, the District has partnered with the City of Sioux Falls and USGS to operate a real-time monitoring station for nitrates in the Big Sioux River. The device is currently located at the USGS gaging stations near Dell Rapids and is operational from late April to early October. Results are available on-line during the monitoring period.

The joint funding agreement for calendar year 2020 calls for District a contribution of \$4,100, to be matched by \$2,050 from the USGS. A similar agreement will be executed between the City of Sioux Falls and the USGS.

Motion by Barth, seconded by Duffy to allocate up to \$4,100 in District cost-share support in support of the 2020 operational costs for real-time nitrate monitoring on the Big Sioux River as proposed, and to authorize the Manager to execute a joint funding agreement with the USGS for such purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Legislative Session Review

The Manager reviewed the status of numerous bills (listed below) he is tracking as the District lobbyist during the ongoing 95th Session of the South Dakota Legislature:

House Bill (HB) 1025, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding plugging and performance bonds for oil and gas wells.

HB 1026, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to use of security for cleanup and remediation of environmental problems.

HB 1027, An Act to make an appropriation from the coordinated natural resources conservation fund to the State Conservation Commission and to declare an emergency.

HB 1035, An Act to make an appropriation from the water and environment fund and its revolving fund subfunds for various water and environmental purposes, to revise the water resources projects list, and to declare an emergency.

HB 1058, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding water development districts.

HB 1071, An Act to revise provisions regarding surface water quality complaints.

HB 1093, An Act to establish a pipeline liability fund, to authorize a special fee for extraordinary expenses, and to make a continuous appropriation therefor.

HB 1118, An Act to revise the boundaries of certain water development districts and to revise certain provisions regarding the election of the board of directors and the levying of taxes in the affected districts.

HB 1166, An Act to revise provisions regarding the appointment of inactive watershed district boards and the reactivation of watershed districts.

HB 1238, An Act to permit modification of the term of a perpetual conservation easement after the death of the grantor.

HB 1240, An Act to provide for the inspection of certain swimming pools and beaches.

HB 1280, An Act to accommodate legislation regarding conservation districts.

Senate Bill (SB) 17, An Act to make an appropriation for the plugging and surface reclamation of natural gas wells and to declare an emergency.

SB 49, An Act to add gravel to the definition of a mineral.

SS 58, An Act to limit gifts to directors or employees of certain government districts.

SB 59, An Act to protect the teaching of certain scientific information.

SB 63, An Act to establish certain provisions regarding pore spaces.

SB 116, An Act to establish requirements certain state entities must follow when applying for federal grants.

SB 122, An Act to impose a severance tax on the quarrying of certain minerals.

SB 141, An Act to designate the Bobolink as the official songbird of South Dakota.

SB 157, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the county zoning and appeals process.

SB 186, An Act to revise certain leave policies for state employees.

Low-Impact Development in Urban Settings

Dr. John McMaine, South Dakota State University, briefed the Board on a District-supported effort entitled, “Low-Impact Development in Urban Settings.” In September 2017, the Board agreed to provide up to \$4,000 in District cost-share assistance as match against a \$6,000 State Non-Point Source Information and Education Program grant for this effort. The project has involved workshops for interested persons and organizations, consisting of both lecture-based presentations and hands-on design. Course materials were to be developed to address local concerns in targeted communities. The project also involved establishing a test plot to assess runoff management with a rain garden at a residence in Sioux Falls. He noted that the final phase will involve outreach efforts in Brookings this spring, with the planned distribution of residential rain barrels.

Adjournment

There being no further District business or other matters, Vice-Chairman Loseke declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Spencer Hawley, Secretary