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MINUTES
January 15, 2020

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on January 15, 2020, at the American Legion Cabin in Pierre. Chairman Jarrett called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Mark Anderson
Jeff Barth
Spencer Hawley
Martin Jarrett
Kay Kassube
Dana Loseke
John Moes

Director(s) Absent

Mary Ellen Connelly
Gary Duffy

Staff Present

Jay Gilbertson
Deb Springman

Others Present

Frank Amundson, James River Water Development District
Dave Bartel, James River Water Development District
Robert Braun, James River Water Development District
Tim Cowman, SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
Greg Delzer, USGS Dakota Water Science Center
Kris Dozark, SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
Galen Hoogestraat, USGS Dakota Water Science Center
Dan Klemisch, James River Water Development District
Dan Koupal, James River Water Development District
Chris Laveau, USGS Dakota Water Science Center
Paul Lorenzen, SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
Barry McLaury, SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
Brad Prehiem, Vermillion Basin Water Development District
Judy Smoyer, James River Water Development District
Randy Stanley, James River Water Development District
Mike Wiese, James River Water Development District

Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda - The Manager asked to have an item added under District Updates. Tim Cowman, with the SD DENR Geological Survey Program, is present and would like to give a brief update on the status of the Statewide Ground Water Quality Monitoring Network.

Motion by Kassube, seconded by Moes, to approve the agenda as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the December 19th, 2019, meeting. The Manager noted that he had inadvertently attributed a visit by Director Duffy to a Dakota Rural Action CAFO Forum on November 30th under the Reports of Meetings and Conferences section. That reference should be removed.

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Motion by Moes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Minutes as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the December 2019 Financial Reports.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Hawley, to accept the December 2019 Financial Reports. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Jarrett then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

Election of Officers for 2020 - Chairman Jarrett turned the meeting over to the Manager for the election of Board officers for 2020.

The Manager called for nominations for Chairman for 2020.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Jarrett to nominate Director Anderson for Board Chairman. **Motion** by Hawley, seconded by Barth, that nominations for Chairman cease and the Board cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Anderson assumed control of the meeting.

Chairman Anderson called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2020.

Motion by Kassube, seconded by Barth to nominate Director Loseke for Vice-Chairman. **Motion** by Barth, seconded by Moes, that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Anderson called for nominations for Secretary for 2020.

Motion by Barth, seconded by Loseke to nominate Director Hawley for Secretary. **Motion** by Moes, seconded by Barth, that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Anderson asked if the Board wished to re-consider the Manager’s appointment as District Treasurer. No action was taken and the Manager shall continue to serve as District Treasurer.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **January 14th thru March 30th** - State Capitol Building, Pierre. 95th Session of the South Dakota Legislature.
2. **January 14th - 16th** - Ramkota Convention Centre, Pierre. SD Association of Rural Water Systems Annual Technical Conference.
3. **January 15th - 1:00 p.m.** - Pierre. James River water Development District Board of Directors Meeting.
4. **January 29th - 10:30 a.m.** - Clubhouse/Redrossa, Pierre. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Source Water Protection Workshop.
5. **January 29th & 30th** - Clubhouse/Redrossa, Pierre. SDARWS Manager's Group Meeting.

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6. **February 4th - 6th** - Overland Park, Kansas. Great Plains and Midwest Harmful Algal Blooms Conference.
7. **February 12th & 13th** - Deadwood. SD Water & Wastewater Association 2020 Annual Water Seminar.
8. **February 20th - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. February EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

The Manager noted that as the South Dakota Legislature would be in session during this period, and that he would be acting as District Lobbyist as necessary.

Payment Requests - The Manager presented the Board with a single payment/reimbursement request that required Board action. The request was in order and consistent with the conditions established by the Board at the time of the award.

<u>Grant Recipient/Activity</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
SDSU/Bacteria Removal from Stormwater Runoff (Hua)	\$ 455.14
Total	\$ 455.14

Motion by Kassube, seconded by Loseke to authorize payment of \$455.15 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Official Newspapers - The Manager noted that under SDCL 46A-3D-11, the District must annually designate official newspapers in which official legal notices are published. He provided a list of newspapers that the District has historically used, and requested that the same newspapers be once again so designated:

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Motion by Kassube, seconded by Loseke, to designate the following newspapers as the official newspapers for District notices in 2020 - Brookings Register, Clear Lake Courier, Grant County Review, De Smet News, Miner County Pioneer, Watertown Public Opinion, Moody County Enterprise, Hamlin County Herald Enterprise, Madison Daily Leader and Sioux Falls Argus Leader. Motion carried unanimously.

District Organizational Memberships -

Motion by Barth, seconded by Moes, to retain District membership in the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems for 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule - The Manager presented the Board with a DRAFT meeting schedule for calendar year 2020. He noted that it was consistent with District By-Laws, which call for the default monthly meeting to be held on the third Thursday. The lone exception is the January meeting, which was being held in Pierre in conjunction with the SDARWS Annual Technical Conference and the opening of the 95th Session of the South Dakota Legislature.

Date	Location	Start	Meeting Site
January 15	Pierre	10:30 a.m.	American Legion Cabin
February 20	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office

March 19	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
April 16	Dell Rapids	9:30 a.m.	Minnehaha CWC Office
May 21	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
June 18	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
July 16	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
August 20	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
September 17	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
October 15	Gary	9:30 a.m.	Buffalo Ridge Center
November 19	Sioux Falls	9:30 a.m.	Water Treatment Plant
December 17	Brookings	1:00 p.m.	EDWDD Office

Motion by Kassube, seconded by Loseke to adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Assistance Requests

Big Sioux Water Festival - Deb Springman, Project Coordinator, presented a request on behalf of the Big Sioux Water Festival for \$ 9,000 in District cost-share assistance for the 2020 event, set to be held at the South Dakota State University on May 12th. She noted that this would be the 28th such event, and that the District had been the primary sponsor since its inception in 1993.

Sioux Empire Water Festival - Ms. Springman also presented a request on behalf of the Sioux Empire Water Festival for \$10,000 in District cost-share assistance for the 2019 event, set to be held at the University of Sioux Falls on March 10th and 11th. She noted that this would be the 27th such event, all of which had been supported by the District.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Moes, to provide \$10,000 in support to the 2020 Sioux Empire Water Festival and \$9,000 in support of the 2020 Big Sioux Water Festival, and to authorize expenditure of the funds. Motion carried unanimously.

United States Geological Survey Dakota Water Science Center Update

Galen Hoogestraat, hydrologist with the United Sates Geological Survey Dakota Water Science Center in Rapid City, provided an overview of their recent operations and activities. He also reported on the results of the real-time nitrate monitoring on the Big Sioux River (near Dell Rapids) that the District has been supporting in cooperation with the City of Sioux Falls. He also reviewed a similar effort by the James River Water Development District at a location on the lower James River near Yankton.

Statewide Ground Water Quality Monitoring Network

Tim Cowman, State Geologist, with the SD Geological Survey, provided the Board with an update on the status of the Statewide Ground Water Quality Monitoring Network (Network). He noted that as a result of efforts to secure funds to upgrade and maintain the Network, initiated at the January 2019 District Board meeting, replacement pumps and associated equipment had been acquired for all Network sites as needed. However, weather conditions during the 2019 field season had prevented some from

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being installed. He thanked the Board, and all the other water development districts, for their support, both technical and financial.

Legislation for the 2020 Legislative Session

The Manager reviewed two pieces of legislation likely to be considered by the 2020 South Dakota Legislature that deal with water development districts. The first involves the expansion of the Vermillion Basin Water Development District. Portions of Kingsbury, Lake and Miner Counties (currently part of East Dakota) would be moved to the VBWDD, along with adding all of McCook County. As a result of these changes, VBWDD would encompass the majority of the watershed of the Vermillion River. Representative Kent Peterson (R-Salem) has agreed to sponsor the bill.

The second piece of legislation is a general clean-up bill for water development districts, addressing three issues. First, it removes reference to municipalities that are, “contiguous to the included area,” in the description of the James River WDD. Second, it would remove ‘disability’ as a criteria for declaring a director position vacant. Finally, it removes the specific reference to minutes of a water development district having to be ‘mailed’ to official newspapers. It is proposed to substitute ‘distributed,’ as most entities have specifically requested that we send our correspondence via email (i.e., electronically). Representative Tina Mullaly (R-Rapid City) has agreed to sponsor the bill.

Adjournment

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There being no further District business, Chairman Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Spencer Hawley, Secretary