



## East Dakota Water Development District

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### MINUTES January 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on January 12, 2022, at the American Legion Cabin in Pierre. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:45 a.m. The following persons attended:

#### **Directors Present**

Mark Anderson  
Jeff Barth  
Steve Dick  
Ryan Donovan  
Spencer Hawley  
Joedy Poppe

#### **Directors Absent**

Gary Duffy  
Bob Kappel  
John Moes

#### **Others Present**

Frank Amundson, James River Water Development District  
Dave Bartel, James River Water Development District  
Robert Braun, James River Water Development District  
Kris Dozark, SD Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Brad Lawrence, City of Madison/SDARWS Rural Water Center  
Paul Lorenzen, SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources  
Barry McLaury, SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources  
Dan Mullaly, West Dakota Water Development District  
Brad Prehiem, Vermillion Basin Water Development District  
Judy Smoyer, James River Water Development District  
Mike Wiese, James River Water Development District

#### **Staff Present**

Jay Gilbertson

### **Administrative Items**

Approval of Agenda - The Manager asked to have item III, Project Assistance Request(s), dropped from the Agenda. He noted that funding for the 2022 children's water festivals had been dealt with at the December 2021 meeting.

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

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting.

**Motion** by Hawley, seconded by Donovan, to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the December 2021 Financial Reports.

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**Motion** by Hawley, seconded by Dick, to accept the December 2021 Financial Reports. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Anderson then asked that the report be placed in the District files. Reports of Meetings & Conferences - Director Donovan reported on meetings of the Friends of the Big Sioux River and Northern Prairies Land Trust held in Sioux Falls in late December.

The Manager commented briefly on the following meetings he attended:

1. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - US Small Business Administration Environmental Roundtable on the proposed Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Definition, via video-conference.
2. January 6<sup>th</sup> - SD Board of Water and Natural Resources, via video-conference.
3. January 11<sup>th</sup> - SDARWS Annual Technical Conference, Pierre.

Election of Officers for 2022 - Chairman Anderson turned the meeting over to the Manager for the election of Board officers for 2022.

The Manager called for nominations for Board Chair for 2022.

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

Chairman Anderson resumed control of the meeting.

Chairman Anderson called for nominations for Vice-Chair for 2022.

**Motion** by Hawley, seconded by Donovan to nominate Director Duffy for Vice-Chair. **Motion** by Barth, seconded by Hawley, that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Anderson called for nominations for Secretary for 2022.

**Motion** by Dick, seconded by Barth to nominate Director Hawley for Secretary. **Motion** by Barth, seconded by Poppe, 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 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>** - Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, Pierre. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Annual Technical Conference.
2. **January 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.** - Clubhouse/Redrossa, Pierre. SDARWS Source Water Protection Workshop.
3. **January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** - Clubhouse/Redrossa, Pierre. SDARWS Manager's Group Meeting.
4. **February 17<sup>th</sup>** - Pierre. South Dakota Board of Minerals & Environment.
5. **February 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. February EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

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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.

2022 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule - The Manager presented the Board with a DRAFT meeting schedule for calendar year 2022. 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 2022 SDARWS Annual Technical Conference and the opening of the 97<sup>th</sup> Session of the South Dakota Legislature.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Meeting Site</b>
January 12	Pierre	1:00 p.m.	American Legion Cabin
February 17	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
March 17	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
April 21	Egan	9:30 a.m.	Big Sioux CWS Office
May 19	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
June 16	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
July 21	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
August 18	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
September 15	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
October 20	Watertown	9:30 a.m.	Terry Redlin Environmental Center
November 17	Sioux Falls	9:30 a.m.	Water Treatment Plant
December 15	Brookings	1:00 p.m.	EDWDD Office

**Motion** by Poppe, seconded by Donovan to adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2022. 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 had so designated in 2021, and requested that the same newspapers be used in 2022:

**Motion** by Barth, seconded by Donovan, to designate the following newspapers as the official newspapers for District notices in 2022 - Arlington Sun, Brandon Valley Journal (Brandon), Brookings Register, Bryant Dakotan, Clear Lake Courier, Dell Rapids Tribune, Dells City Journal (Dell Rapids), Elkton Record, Estelline Journal, Garretson Gazette, Grant County Review (Milbank), Hamlin County Herald Enterprise (Hayti), Hamlin County Republican (Castlewood), Kingsbury Journal (DeSmet), Madison Daily Leader, Miner County Pioneer (Howard), Minnehaha Messenger (Hartford), Moody County Enterprise (Flandreau), Sioux Falls Argus Leader, South Shore Gazette, Tri-City Star (White), Volga Tribune and Watertown Public Opinion. Motion carried unanimously.

District Organizational Memberships -

**Motion** by Dick, seconded by Barth, to retain District membership in the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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**SDARWS Rural Water Center**

Brad Lawrence, Chairman of the Rural Water Center, provided the Board with an overview of the entities goals and activities. The Rural Water Center is a 501(c)3 division of the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS). It was established as a vehicle to provide support for educational efforts and water project development, and to support research into issues of interest to the water community. The Center can receive/accept monetary support from members and non-members on a tax-free basis, something that SDARWS cannot do directly.

The Center is also heavily involved in providing emergency response and technical support through SDWARN - a statewide water/wastewater agency response network (WARN). SDWARN functions as a mutual aid network of public utilities, sharing technical expertise, staff and equipment during times of natural and/or human-caused emergencies.

Lastly, Mr. Lawrence discussed developing efforts to develop regional supports for drinking water and waste water services in smaller communities. Many small towns have stand-alone waste water collection and treatment systems, but have had difficulty in hiring and/or retaining qualified staff. One option being explored is to have larger systems/communities provide such service to small towns in their vicinity under a contract basis. He noted that the state has long promoted regionalization in the drinking water area, and this seems like a logical next step.

**Preview of the 2022 Legislative Session**

The Manager noted that a considerable amount of discussion and effort would be directed toward water and waste water infrastructure funding in the coming legislative session. Senate Bill 62, An Act to make an appropriation for eligible water, wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects and to declare an emergency, proposes to allocate up to \$600,000,000 in federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds directed at public water infrastructure. The funds would be allocated using a process similar to how State water and waste water funds have historically been distributed. Proposed actions would be placed on the State Water Plan, and funding channeled through the South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources. A lesser amount of ARPA funds (\$60,000,000) is projected to be available for state facilities, as laid out in SB 50. The annual Omnibus water funding bill (SB 64) will also inject funds into water resource activities.

He stated that he would be sending out a summary of the bills that he is tracking each week.

**Adjournment**

There being no further District business, Chairman Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Spencer Hawley, Secretary