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MINUTES
June 17, 2021

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on June 17th, 2021, at the EDWDD office in Brookings. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Mark Anderson
Jeff Barth
Steve Dick
Gary Duffy
Bob Kappel
Dana Loseke

Others Present

Heath Thompson, Sioux Rural Water System

Directors Absent

Spencer Hawley
John Moes
Joedy Poppe

Staff Present

Jay Gilbertson

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Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda - The Manager noted that the request for assistance from the SD Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources will be deferred to a later date.

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

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 20th, 2021, meeting. It was noted that on page 3 of the DRAFT Minutes, the motion to reconsider a motion tabled at the April meeting should read, “**Motion** by Hawley, seconded by Barth to take the request ~~of~~ off the table.” On page 4 of the DRAFT Minutes, it incorrectly stated that, “*Director Loseke left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.*”

Motion by Barth, seconded by Dick to approve the Minutes as so amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the May 2021 financial statements.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Barth to approve the May 2021 financial statements. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Anderson directed that the approved financial statements be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Loseke attended an on-line water quality sampling training session conducted by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources (SD DANR) on May 22nd and a Friends of the Big Sioux River Board of Directors meeting in Sioux Falls on June 7th.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

May 26th - Rural Minnehaha County. Big Sioux River Project Legislative tour.

June 2nd - Deadwood. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Leadership Seminar.

June 3rd - Deadwood. SDARWS Board of Directors Meeting.

June 14th - via Zoom. Minnehaha Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

June 15th - Dell Rapids. Big Sioux River Watershed Implementation Project Steering Committee; Rural Minnehaha County. 2021 Joint Appropriations Committee tour.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **June 17th - 7:00 p.m.** - via video-conference. Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Board.
2. **June 21st - 10:00 a.m.** - Parker. South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD) Vermillion-Big Sioux Area meeting.
3. **June 24th - 1:00 p.m.** - video-conference. SD Board of Water & Natural Resources.
4. **June 24th - 5:00 p.m.** - Tea. Lewis & Clark Regional Water System Membership Banquet.
5. **June 25th & 26th** - video-conference. South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources.
6. **July 8th - 9:00 a.m.** - Huron. James River Water Development District Board of Directors.
7. **July 8th & 9th** - Sioux Falls. Governor's Agricultural Summit.
8. **July 13th - 3:00 p.m. (MST)** - Rapid City. West Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors.
9. **July 15th - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. July EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.
10. **July 20th** - Sioux Falls. Rural Water Open Golf Tournament.
11. **July 21st - 8:00 a.m.** - Sioux Falls. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems Manager's Group meeting.

Project Assistance Request(s)

Sioux Rural Water System - Heath Thompson, Manager of the Sioux Rural Water System (SRWS), for project assistance from the 2010 Well Head Protection Area Protection Program (WHPAPP). SRWS is requesting \$25,000 in WHPAPP assistance to be applied toward the purchase of roughly 49.4 acres of land within the established well head protection area for their well field southeast of Watertown. The SRWS Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of the land, and a purchase agreement has been executed.

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The Manager stated that he had examined the material provided by SRWS, and concluded that the request meets WHPAPP requirements. The total purchase price of the land exceeds that necessary for SRWS to qualify for the full amount of WHPAPP support, \$25,000.

Motion by Duffy, seconded by Barth to provide District cost-share assistance from the WHPAPP to cover fifty percent (50%) of the price of the proposed land purchase, up to a maximum of \$25,000, by SRWS as requested, and to authorize payment. Motion carried unanimously.

The Manager noted that with this action, there remains \$57,964 within the Program fund.

District Updates

South Dakota Riparian Buffer Initiative - The Manager stated that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) submitted a grant request on May 28th to the US Department of Agriculture for funding under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program Alternative Funding Arrangement (RCPP-AFA) to support the planned Riparian Buffer Initiative (RBI). The budget as submitted varied from the budget presented to the Board at their May meeting. The RCPP-AFA grant request is now for \$9,090,909 (down from \$10,000,000), and the pledged match was reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The match includes \$120,000 pledged by the District at the May meeting.

Rotating Basins Big Sioux/Minnesota/Red Rivers Assessments - The Manager reviewed the current status of the third and final year of Rotating Basins water sampling efforts. He noted that four (4) cycles of river and stream sampling had been completed (late April, early & late May, and early June). The May lake sampling was completed, and the June cycle was progressing well. High winds have presented occasional challenges, and aquatic invasive species protocols dictate the order in which certain lakes are sampled. Staff assisted SD Game, Fish & Parks personnel in a invasive carp tagging project earlier in June.

Adjournment

There being no further District business, Chairman Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Spencer Hawley, Secretary