



East Dakota Water Development District
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MINUTES
May 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on May 16, 2019, at the District office in Brookings. Vice-Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Mark Anderson
Jeff Barth
Mary Ellen Connelly
Spencer Hawley
Dana Loseke

Others Present

- none -

Staff Present

Kevin Christenson
Jay Gilbertson
Jeremy Hinke
Deb Springman

Directors Absent

Gary Duffy
Martin Jarrett
Kay Kassube
John Moes

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Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda -

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Hawley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the meeting on April 18th, 2019.

Motion by Barth, seconded by Connelly, to approve the April 18th, 2019, Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Connelly, seconded by Barth to accept the April 2019 Financial Reports. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman Anderson asked that the report be placed in the District files.

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Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Hawley attended the 27th Annual Big Sioux Water Festival in Brookings on May 7th.

Director Loseke attended an open house on the expansion of Palisades State Park in Garretson on April 24th, and the Lake Kampeska Water Project District meeting in Watertown on April 29th.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

1. April 23rd - Brookings. Source water protection discussions with Brookings County and Brookings Municipal Utilities staff.
2. April 24th - Ortonville, MN. Minnesota Headwaters Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) Steering Committee.
3. April 25th - Webster. Lakes Region County Commissioners Group.
4. April 30th - Madison, MN. Lac qui Parle WRAPS meeting.
5. May 2nd - Harrisburg. Lincoln County Master Drainage Plan scoping meeting.
6. May 7th - Brookings. Big Sioux Water Festival.
7. May 9th - Mitchell. James River water Development District Board of Drectors.
8. May 14th - Milbank. Grant County Board of Adjustment.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **May 17th - 10:30 a.m.** - Teleconference. International Legislators Forum planning discussion.
2. **May 20th - 10:00 a.m.** - Sioux Falls. South Dakota Corn Growers Field Tiling discussion.
3. **May 22nd - 12 noon** - Flandreau. Sioux Valley County Commissioners meeting.
4. **May 22nd - 7:00 p.m.** - Hayti. Hamlin County Planning & Zoning. Oxford dairy permit discussion and/or action.
5. **May 23rd - 10:30 a.m.** - Tea. Lewis & Clark Regional Water System long-range planning discussion.
6. **June 4th - 9:00 a.m.** - Milbank. Grant County Commission.
7. **June 4th - 11:00 a.m.** - Clear Lake. Deuel County Commission.
8. **June 11th - 1:00 p.m (MST)** - Rapid City. West Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors.
9. **June 17th - 10:00 a.m.** - Hartford. South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD) Vermillion-Big Sioux Area meeting.
10. **June 17th-19th** - Sioux Falls. International Legislators Conference.
11. **June 20th - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. June EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

Payment Request(s) - The Manager presented the Board with a payment request from the sponsors of a District-supported activity. He noted that the request was in order, and consistent with provisions set by the Board at the time of award. He requested authorization to make payment on the following request:

<u>Grant Recipient/Activity</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
SDSM&T/Water Quality Date Trend Analysis (Kunza)	\$ 4,983.35
Total	\$ 4,983.35

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Motion by Connelly, seconded by Loseke to authorize payment of \$4,983.35 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

District Inclement Weather Policy

The Manager reviewed the policy (below in *italics*) as to when or how District offices might be closed during periods of inclement weather. The version presented was the same as the DRAFT version presented at the April 2019 Board meeting. He noted that there is currently no formal policy, but that recent bouts of severe weather and the attendant bad travel conditions prompted this proposal.

EDWDD Inclement Weather Closure Policy

The East Dakota Water Development District (District) will follow the operating status of the State of South Dakota government during inclement weather.

Prior to the normal starting time, when it is announced that state government offices will be closed due to inclement weather, the District offices will be closed. If state government office closures are limited to selected geographic areas, typically counties, the same shall apply to District offices.

On days when weather conditions worsen as the day progresses, the District may decide to close the office early. Employees will be expected to remain at work until the appointed closing time, unless their flextime day ends prior to that time, or unless they receive permission from the District Manager to do otherwise.

In circumstances where District staff are stationed at offices that are not under the direct control of the District, the status of the office (open/closed/closing) shall be determined by the controlling authority.

All full-time employees will be paid for such time off. Part-time employees will be paid if normally scheduled to work that day and only for those hours which the employee would normally work.

Time absent from work due to inclement weather is not counted as hours worked when computing weekly overtime.

Motion by Loseke, seconded by Barth, to adopt the Inclement Weather Closure Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Manager noted that this policy would be added to the District Policy Manual.

2019 Big Sioux Water Festival

Deb Springman reported on the 27th Annual Big Sioux Water Festival, held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, on the campus of South Dakota State University. There were 1,096 fourth grade students in attendance from 25 area schools. The festival theme was "Protect Groundwater-It's What you Drink". The festival provided 40 hands-on activities and experiments led by professionals in the environmental and water resource fields. Students learned about various water topics, conservation, and how they could take an active role in protecting the environment. More than 200 volunteers helped during this year's event. South Dakota Project Learning Tree, the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition, and the Izaak Walton

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League each had representative available speak to teachers during the event and provided free resources for them to use in their classrooms. The next Big Sioux Water Festival will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

District Updates

District Public Outreach - The Manager noted that in response to a number of inquiries from both public entities and private individuals, he had reached out to the county planning and zoning offices within the District and offered to host/present basic information on ground water hydrogeology and the foundations on the county-level aquifer protection ordinances. Thirty (30) years ago, in response to very real concerns about the vulnerability of the shallow aquifers that provide the vast majority of our public water supplies, Brookings County adopted zoning ordinances that provided ground water protection. The other counties within the District followed suit in the next few years. To date, these ordinances have been largely accepted and adhered to, even after the folks who really understood what they meant were long gone. The presentation(s) would be intended to get the current group of stakeholders up to speed on just why the ordinances are necessary, and the ground water science on which they are based.

The Manager reviewed the DRAFT presentation (Groundwater for Public Officials) that he is developing with the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further District business or issues for consideration, Vice-Chairman Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

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John G. Moes, Secretary