

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD  
August 2, 2022

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on August 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenneth Reis, Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Eddy County landowners Todd Koeplin and Frank Walker were also present.

The minutes of the regular July 5, 2022, meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Schaefer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

The 2023 Budget was discussed. Schaefer moved to submit the following budget:

Insurance	\$ 500
Dues	\$ 6,500
Engineering	\$ 0
Cleanouts	\$ 0
Per Diem	\$ 8,000
Secretary/Legal	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total:	\$25,000

Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Various correspondence was reviewed. Except as otherwise noted in these minutes no action required.

**Old Business:**

**Colvin Coulee:** No updates and no interested parties present.

**Rosefield Dam:** No update.

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Tweed provided an update of the business conducted at the last meeting on July 11, 2022. With regard to the Red River Valley Supply project, the Board approved additional construction contracts; and the Board did not obtain all necessary access easements, therefore lawyers are involved in order to obtain the necessary access. The next meeting of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District is in January 2023.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting on July 20, 2022.

**Summer Expo and Convention:** Tweed summarized his attendance at various meetings, sessions and tours.

**Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board:** No update.

**New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Todd Koeplin and Frank Walker were present to listen and provide their thoughts with regard to this issue. Koeplin stated that the most common-sense solution to the problem is to drain into the canal. Koeplin also indicated that the ditch bottom west of Highway 281 and north of the canal requires cleanout. The Board discussed the various options and reviewed the proposed AE2S agreement. After much discussion, Tweed moved to work with Todd Weber,

Eddy County Road Supervisor, to purchase a 30-inch culvert in the appropriate length in order that Garrison Diversion Conservancy District can install the same across the New Rockford Canal and west of Highway 281. Schaefer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

As a result of Koepplin's and Walker's observations that the siphon east of Highway 281 does not work effectively because the inlet and outlet are too high, Schaefer moved to investigate with Garrison Diversion Conservancy District any options that might be available to increase the effectiveness of the siphon. These options may include but are not limited to a berm north of the siphon to prevent water moving to the north/northeast and/or lowering the inlet and outlet. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

Finally, Koepplin will investigate the ND DOT process to obtain permission to clean out the ditch bottom west of Highway 281 and north of the canal.


**New Business:**

Peterson informed the board that on July 19, 2022, he received from Justin Topp an Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System. That Application proposes to drain portions of the NW1/4 and the S1/2 of Section 32, Township 148, Range 66 in Eddy County, North Dakota. Based on the information provided by Applicant, it appears that the NW1/4 of Section 32 is owned by Mark Mullenberg. Mark Mullenberg did not sign the application. A call was made to Applicant. The Board and Applicant agreed to table the matter until Applicant can communicate further with Mark Mullenberg. If Mullenberg wants to be included in this project, then it is necessary that he sign the application. If Mullenberg does not want to be part of this project, then the application must be amended to exclude the NW1/4 of Section 32. A special meeting on or before August 18, 2022, is necessary to approve or deny the pending application. That special meeting will be scheduled after hearing further from Applicant.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2022, at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Kenneth Reis, Chairman