

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

August 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on August 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenny Reis, Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse.

The minutes of the regular July 2, 2024 meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Reis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Budget: The 2025 budget was reviewed. Also reviewed and discussed were the 2024, 2023 and 2022 budgets previously submitted to the county commission. At approximately 9:10 AM the Board adjourned and joined the Eddy County Commission meeting in the Eddy County Courthouse to discuss said budgets. The following overview was presented to the county commission:

1. The water board did not request funding from the county for 2022.
2. The water board requested \$25,000 from the county for 2023. The Eddy County Commission apparently amended the budget and approved \$0. No funds were levied by the county or distributed to the water board for 2023.
3. The water board requested \$30,000 from the county for 2024. The county commission denies approving that \$30,000 budget. However, the original Water Resource 2024 Budget was signed by Commissioner Gehrtz on August 1, 2023 indicating "same" in the "2024 Approved" column. Commissioner Collier indicated that no funds were levied for 2024 and the water board will not receive funds for 2024.

With the following background and information, the 2025 budget was discussed. The water board explained that it is requesting \$50,000 to be able to respond to project requests; and because it has now been three years since any tax monies have been received. The Eddy County Commission expressed concern about the fact that the water board is requesting \$50,000 but it currently has \$19,000 in checking and \$102,000 in a certificate of deposit. Water Board representatives confirmed its \$50,000 budget request. At this time, the water board left the commissioner's meeting and reconvened its regular meeting.

Johnson Lake/Forde Township/Snagging and Clearing: Peterson informed the board that he received a call from Garret Larson at NDDWR regarding this project. Mr. Larson has received one or more complaints about water being taken off Johnson Lake. Larson called Peterson for background information. Peterson explained to Larson that Eddy County's involvement was limited to cost sharing; and that all project planning was undertaken by the Nelson County Water Resource District. Larson also called Monty Schaefer to discuss this project.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: No report because there was no July meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024 in Carrington.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: No report because Tweed was unable to attend the last meeting.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the last meeting held in Minot in conjunction with the 2024 Joint Summer Water Meeting. Three crews are currently working on the Red River Valley Water Supply Pipeline Project. The high-water table slowed progress.

2024 Joint Summer Water Meeting July 9-11th: Mike summarized his attendance at the various meetings.

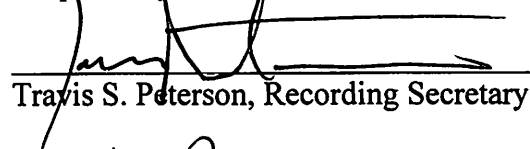
New Business:

None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2024 at 8:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman