

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
February 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on February 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Monty Schaefer, Kenneth Reis and Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

Monty Schaefer (July – December meetings and mileage reimbursement)	\$471.03
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Tweed made a motion to pay the bills presented for payment. Seconded by Reis. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: No update.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the January 11, 2024 meeting. The board approved a pipeline construction contract for an additional five miles to the east. Tweed noted that GDCD awarded a grant to the New Rockford Park Board for a warming house and boat rental facility. The deadline for that grant expires March 1, 2024. Tweed intends to follow up with the park board to ensure that they are aware of the deadline.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the January 10, 2024 meeting. The board received a drought report that indicates our region remains abnormally dry. Tweed noted that Dick Johnson received the Devils Lake Basin Water Stewardship award. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024 at 9 am at the Ramsey County Courthouse.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer summarized the business conducted at the most recent meeting. The Sheyenne River pilot projects remain the focus of activity. The Department of Water Resources issued construction permits for the Eddy and Nelson projects. Bids for these projects will be opened on March 6th. The Eddy County project at the Red Bridge location will consist of a fish passage. The engineers hope that the Red Bridge location will be completed this spring before the Devils Lake outlets begin pumping. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 in Carrington.

Oak Creek Drain Culverts: Schaefer and Reis checked the culverts/gates at Stokke Cemetery. They were open. Reis called Larry Skiftun of Wells County about the matter. Skiftun later reported that the gates are now closed to 3” according to the plan. The culvert near Gage Bollingberg’s farmstead was also inspected. That gate has been damaged and will require replacement. There was some suggestion that a new gate operator may be in order.

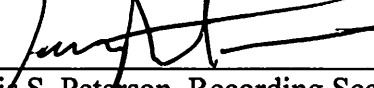
Monty Schaefer Term: Peterson informed the Board that the Eddy County Commission re-appointed Monty Schaefer to the water board effective January 1, 2024.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman