

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

January 4, 2022

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on January 4, 2022 at 10:00 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 meeting room of the Eddy County Courthouse. Eddy County landowners, Doug Skadberg and Kris Skadberg, were also present.

The minutes of the regular December 7, 2021 meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve. Second by Schaefer. 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.

Schaefer made a motion to pay the following bills as presented:

Insure Forward (2022 general liability premium)	\$563.00
North Dakota Water Users Association (2022 dues)	\$300.00

Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Reis presented an OSE Notice of Decision on Application to Drain No. 5254/Nelson County Road 22 Drain Project. The drain project consists of construction of approximately 11,000 linear feet of drain including 6,000 linear feet of 18" diameter pipe to lower the surface of water around Nelson County Road 22 by approximately one (1) foot. The project will discharge into a likely watercourse that drains into Stump Lake in Nelson County. The Notice of Decision provides that a hearing may be requested within 30 days or by January 27, 2022. Requests for hearing must specifically state facts from which it is evident the person requesting the hearing is factually aggrieved by the decision; and must state what material facts and conclusions are believed to be erroneous and why they are believed to be erroneous. After review and consideration, Eddy County Water Resource Board finds no reason to request a hearing.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the December 10, 2021 Stream Crossing Determination prepared by DWR regarding the culverts in 62nd Ave Northeast that are west of Rosefield Slough. DWR determined that the minimum design discharge the crossing must pass is 493 cubic feet per second. Schaefer and the Skadbergs summarized what was discussed at the Eddy County Commission meeting on January 4, 2022. The Eddy County Commission is going to look further into it. The Eddy County Commission made no formal decision on the matter at its January 4, 2022 meeting. Kris Skadberg asserted that there was no study of the culverts done in 2015 when the county overlaid the road. He believes a study should have been done at that time. Currently, there are two 48" culverts at the location in question. Apparently, Larry Skiftun from Wells County believes that adding one 48" culvert and one 54" culvert would satisfy the minimum stream crossing standard.

Old Business:

Rosefield Dam: Schaefer reported that the comment period closed. He is awaiting a decision from the OSE.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed reported that the office is busy. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022. The Board will be working to secure additional pipeline easements from Carrington to Cooperstown (approximately 29 miles). Pipeline construction is on hold until spring.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the December 9, 2021 meeting held in Bismarck in conjunction with the Winter Convention. It was a quick meeting. The Devils Lake Basin Tour was scheduled for June 15, 2022. NDAWN sites were discussed. Specifically, the Board is considering monitoring snow at the various NDAWN sites. USGS gave a presentation regarding monitoring of rivers and Devils Lake. DWR gave a presentation and update regarding legislative activity. Board elections took place. Dave Sateren from Nelson County was elected President of the DLBJWRB. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022 at 9 AM at the Ramsey County Courthouse.

Water Convention/Expo: Tweed gave an overview of his attendance at the various sessions. Mike reported that the sessions were good and informative. Tweed reported that he enjoyed his time and thanked the board for paying his registration and giving him the opportunity to attend.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that he attended the meeting on December 7, 2021 at 7 PM in Bismarck. The Board is working to identify and secure funding partners for the pilot projects. The total pilot project budget is \$3,900,000 of which the State of North Dakota is funding \$1,100,000. Thirteen project sites were originally identified. The number of projects sites has been narrowed to seven. Two of the seven sites are in Eddy County. The Eddy County projects are near the top of the priority list. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 9 AM in Carrington.

Colvin Coulee: No updates. Tweed will encourage affected landowners to attend a future meeting to present known issues and offer ideas to resolve those issues.

New Business:

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2022 at 10 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman