

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
July 5, 2022

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on July 5, 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 landowner Douglas Skadberg was also present. Kip Kovar, Ryan Anderson and Duane DeKrey from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District were also present.

The minutes of the regular June 7, 2022, 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.

Reis made a motion to pay the second annual contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Nelson County Water Resource District for the Forde Township/Johnson Lake Snagging and Clearing project. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Reis also made a motion to pay the following bills:

Kenneth Reis (January to June meetings and mileage)	\$500.00
Monty Schaefer (January to June meetings and mileage)	\$1,143.36

Schaefer seconded the motion to pay the bills. 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. Doug Skadberg commented that "there are errors in what is going on here"; and he is "pointing out that something isn't right"; and "all I want is for the water to run through". Skadberg presented two photos: 1) an aerial photo depicting water in the general area of the Rosefield Slough; and 2) a photo of dirt work, apparently to the Rosefield Dam. Skadberg retained his photos, and no copies were left with the water board. Skadberg also presented one page of an email sent by Schaefer and stamped "received by SWC 3/22/2019, OSE Exhibit 2". Skadberg had two copies of this one-page document; Skadberg retained one copy; and Schaefer kept one copy. The Water Board was not provided a copy for its file.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022. Tweed further reported that the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District is waiting for approximately 15 easements to be signed. If those easements are not signed by a certain date then eminent domain proceedings will follow.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed reported that approximately 30 people attended the Devils Lake Basin Tour. The tour included the west end outlets, the Devils Lake dike and Churches Ferry. The tour was well received. The next meeting of the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board is scheduled for July 20, 2022 in Devils Lake.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that there was a meeting in Devils Lake. At that meeting the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board voted to remove the Red Bridge Crossing

because the repairs are cost prohibitive. Indications are that the cost of removal will be covered by the Upper Sheyenne River Pilot Project and/or US Fish and Wildlife Service. As a result, the Eddy County Water Board will likely incur no cost to remove. Schaefer made a motion to support the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board decision to remove the Red Bridge crossing because removing the crossing will address safety concerns related to the current condition of the Red Bridge crossing and removing the Red Bridge crossing will eliminate current and future costs of maintenance and repair. Reis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Schaefer also reported that the Pilot Project engineers submitted a grant application to the ND Department of Environmental Quality. NDDEQ approved a \$319,000 grant.

Schaefer also reported that Griggs County and Wells County are no longer members of the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board.

New Business:

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Present from the GDCD were Kip Kovar, Ryan Anderson and Duane DeKrey. Kovar began by reminding the board that the US Bureau of Reclamation designed the original project in the 1980s. GDCD did not design the project. GDCD now maintains the New Rockford Canal. Kovar shared that the original design notes indicate that the area in question was a challenge. The area was flat and did not drain well. Although the easy answer seems to be to drain surface water into the canal, doing so requires federal congressional approval. With that background, Kovar handed out an eight-page document prepared by AE2S depicting the water shed, various rain accumulation scenarios and various improvement options. These documents were prepared a couple/few years ago by AE2S at the request of GDCD. Despite these matters previously being considered, no formal action was taken. Based on significant 2022 spring rains, ponding of water north of the canal near Highway 281 is again a concern. Kovar reminded the Board that GDCD's previous proposal to the Eddy County Water Board was that if Eddy County Water Board buys the culverts, then GDCD will install them at no cost to the Eddy County Water Board. Kovar stated that this offer stands.

Potential downstream affects were discussed. The Board consensus is that downstream engineering is appropriate before culverts are installed. Kovar provided the name of Jesse Kist and Jeff Hruba, the two engineers at AE2S that worked on this project previously. Schaefer made a motion to contact AE2S to request a proposal for scope of work south of the New Rockford Canal to the James River and a cost estimate to complete the same. Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2022, at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

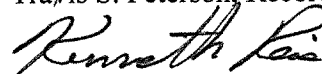
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman