MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD June 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on June 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members 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 May 7, 2024 meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

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

Tweed presented his registration for the 2024 Joint Summer Water Meeting to be held in Minot from July 9-11, 2024. Tweed's registration fees are \$190. Schaefer made a motion to pay Tweed's registration. Seconded by Tweed. Motion carried.

Schaefer moved to pay the following:

Mike Tweed- December to June (meetings and mileage)	\$2,283.92
Peterson Law Offices -December to May (meetings and legal fees)	\$5,049.53

Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

The 2025 budget was discussed. Question was raised about tax levy money received in 2022 and 2023. It appears the amount received from Eddy County is less than budget requested and approved. Peterson will inquire with the County Auditor to better understand the situation.

Peterson noted that the current Bank Forward Certificate of Deposit matures July 2, 2024.

<u>Correspondence</u>: Various correspondence was reviewed. Peterson summarized the phone calls he had with Clifford Gleason on May 20, 2024 regarding the Red Bridge Crossing; and Austin & Gwenn Zwingleberg on May 28, 2024 regarding the Mike Schaefer and Louis Schaefer drain tile permit. Except as otherwise noted in these minutes no action required.

Old Business:

<u>Upper Shevenne Joint Water Resource Board:</u> Schaefer reported that pilot projects and NRCS projects are the focus. Schaefer also reported that Ben Varnson will be retiring.

<u>Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:</u> Tweed summarized the business conducted at the May 8, 2024 meeting. There were various agency and basin reports. Work continues on the 2025 budget. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024 at 8 AM in Devils Lake.

<u>Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:</u> Tweed reported that GDCD and US Bureau of Reclamation met to discuss the future of the New Rockford Canal. Tweed attended that meeting remotely. Different alternatives were discussed. No final decisions were made. The matter will be further discussed by GDCD Executive Board at future meetings.

New Business:

None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Kenneth Reis, Chairman