MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD March 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were board members Monty Schaefer, Kenneth Reis, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson.

The minutes of the regular February 7, 2023, meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Reis. 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.

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

Old Business:

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: The Board reviewed the February 24, 2023 letter agreement presented by AE2S. The updated estimated fees are \$22,850. The scope of work is between the New Rockford Canal and the James River between 67th Avenue NE and 69th Avenue NE. Reis made a motion to proceed with the proposed engineering, contingent on GDCD and US Bureau of Reclamation each paying 1/3rd of the engineering costs. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried.

Johnson Lake/Nelson County/Forde Township Snagging and Clearing: Peterson presented the Nelson County Water Resource District statement of costs regarding the Johnson Lake cleanout. The actual and final total is \$4,450, as opposed to the \$4,400 discussed at the February 7, 2023 meeting. Schaefer moved to pay one-half (1/2) of the \$4,450 (i.e. \$2,225) rather than the \$2,200 that was approved at the February 7, 2023 meeting. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Because Tweed is absent, no report was provided.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Because Tweed is absent, no report was provided.

<u>Upper Shevenne Joint Water Resource Board</u>: Schaefer summarized the business conducted at the February 15, 2023 meeting. There was discussion about having each member waterboard track its time spent relative to the pilot project. Time spent by members and member boards may be considered for calculating the local in-kind match. Schaefer also reported that there was a legislative update. Another topic of discussion was water management based on watershed boundaries as opposed to political boundaries.

Rosefield Dam: Peterson reported that on February 13, 2023 he received an email from Karen Goff, P.E., OSE. With that email Goff provided the Rosefield Slough Dam construction permit #6275 that was approved in October of 2022. It came to the attention of OSE that the approved construction permit was not previously provided to Eddy, Foster or Wells County.

New Business:

<u>Rocky Run Joint Water Board Annual Meeting</u>: Peterson informed the board that the annual meeting is scheduled for 1pm on March 14, 2023 at the Chieftan in Carrington.

<u>Next Meeting:</u> The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023, at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

Kenneth Reis, Chairman