

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

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on March 5, 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. Also present were Eddy County landowners Larry Walford, Kevin Gleason, Roberta Gleason, and Daniel Gleason.

The minutes of the regular February 6, 2024 meeting were presented. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business:

Red Bridge Crossing: Present to express their objection to removal of the Red Bridge Crossing and replacement with a fish passage were Kevin Gleason, Roberta Gleason, Daniel Gleason and Larry Walford. Kevin Gleason owns land in the area and is on the Freeborn Township Board of Supervisors. Roberta Gleason and/or Daniel Gleason owns land on both sides of the river, as does Larry Walford. Kevin Gleason stated that removal of the Red Bridge crossing is the most under-handed thing he has ever witnessed. He states that local landowners spent 20 years getting that crossing to work properly. Larry Walford stated that without the crossing in place it is nine miles for him to get across the river. All parties indicate they were provided no notice of the removal of the crossing. The history of the Red Bridge was discussed. The current state of disrepair and the costs of repair or replacement were discussed. Also noted is that bid opening for the project is scheduled for tomorrow, March 6, 2024. Roberta Gleason indicated she contacted an attorney. Peterson explained that the Water Board previously passed a motion in support of the USRJWB proceeding with its plan to remove the crossing and install a fish passage. The USRJWB is the project applicant and has obtained the necessary construction permits from NDDWR/OSE. The concerned parties are angry with the lack of information and/or lack of notice provided to them.

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

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed indicated that he participated in an executive board meeting with the Lake Agassiz Board. The primary topic for discussion was conflicts of interest between board members and contracted parties.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the February 14, 2024 meeting. In addition to the regular business there were updates or reports concerning the following: weather/drought, ND Game and Fish, US Fish and Wildlife, NDDWR, NDAWN, and basin reports. Tweed indicated that the Devils Lake outlet committee will be meeting in the near future regarding 2024 outlet operation. The summer basin tour is scheduled for June 20,

2024 and will cover the north part of the basin, including a tour of Hawk Museum. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024 at 9 am in the Ramsey County Courthouse.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer informed the board that he and Mandar Nangare of Barr Engineering met with local landowners, Allan Howard, Dan Birkeland, David Allmaras, Michael Allmaras, and Austin Langley, regarding bank stabilization projects within the Sheyenne River and adjacent to land owned by them. These are proposed pilot projects of the USRJWB.

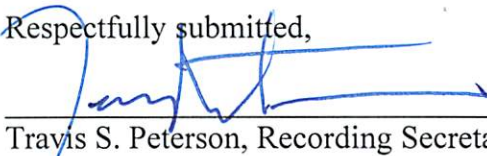
New Business:

Drain Tile Application – Tim Allmaras: On March 4, 2024 Peterson received from Cory Haag of Ellingson Drain a drain tile application on behalf of Tim Allmaras. Peterson informed Haag that the application was incomplete for lacking fee payment and evidence of ownership according to the Eddy County tax rolls. The missing information was not received prior to the March 5, 2024 meeting. The application will be taken up at the April 2, 2024 meeting, if the application is complete.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman