

## MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

February 7, 2023

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

The minutes of the regular January 3, 2023, meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried.

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

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

### **Old Business:**

**New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Tweed reported that GDCD and US Bureau of Reclamation have further considered the water backup issues in the area of the canal and Highway 281, along with the related engineering costs. Tweed reports that GDCD and US Bureau of Reclamation have each agreed to pay one-third of the engineering costs. This leaves one-third of the engineering costs to be paid at the local level (i.e. Eddy County Water Resource District). Reviewing the file, the July 2022 estimate of engineering fees presented by AE2S was \$19,800. Reis made a motion that the Eddy County Water Resource Board pay one-third of the engineering fees in light of the fact that GDCD and US Bureau of Reclamation are each willing to pay one-third of the engineering fees. Schaefer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peterson will follow up with AE2S with an updated estimate of fees and with GDCD to better understand how the engineering fees should be billed. Peterson will provide updated information to the board members.

**Johnson Lake/Nelson County/Forde Township Snagging and Clearing:** Schaefer reported that this matter has been discussed with Ben Varnson. Varnson reports that the project is not complete, that there is an additional .8 of a mile going into Johnson Lake that requires additional cleanout, and Nelson County is short \$4,400 in funding. Varnson asked whether Eddy County would consider sharing equally the \$4,400 shortage. After discussion, Reis made a motion that Eddy County contribute an additional \$2,200 to cover the costs of this project. Second by Tweed. Motion carried. Peterson requested that Schaefer contact Varnson and request that Nelson County Water Resource Board submit a proper invoice for payment.

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Tweed reported that he was again appointed to serve on the executive committee. Tweed also reported on other general business conducted by GDCD.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the January 11, 2023 meeting. It was a pretty quiet meeting. Planning has begun for the 2023 Devils Lake Basin Tour scheduled for June. The 2023 tour will likely cover the east end of the Devils Lake Basin. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023 at the Ramsey County Courthouse.


**Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board:** No update. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023 at 9 am in Carrington, ND.

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023, at 10 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Tweed indicated he will be absent. It was also noted that the annual Joint Rocky Run board meeting may take place around this same time. Board member speculation is that the 2023 Joint Rocky Run annual meeting will be held in Eddy County.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

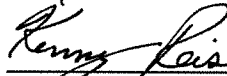
Respectfully submitted,



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Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



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Kenneth Reis, Chairman