

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
November 1, 2022

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on November 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenneth Reis, Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, along with Eddy County landowners Jeff Anderson and Bryant Huso were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Eddy County landowner Lawrence Anderson joined the meeting at 10:05 AM.

The minutes of the regular October 4, 2022, meeting were presented. Reis 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 Tweed. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Various correspondence was reviewed. Discussed was NDIRF Insurance Application. Peterson will follow up with Janine Anderson, agent, for clarification regarding auto coverage. Except as otherwise noted in these minutes no action required.

Old Business:

Colvin Coulee: Jeff Anderson and Bryant Huso were present to discuss the work that was completed on or about October 26, 2022. The work consisted of cleaning sediment from the Colvin Coulee. The area cleaned was approximately 15 feet wide by two miles long. Sun Dog Construction billed 160 hours at \$200/hour for a total of \$32,000.00. The Water Board's agreed upon 80% share is \$25,600. The remaining 20% was billed directly to the landowners. Anderson and Huso are satisfied with the work done and anticipate that it will be beneficial. Schaefer moved to pay \$25,600 to Sun Dog Construction. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: The additional 160' of 30" culvert has been delivered. Since the October meeting, the Board members have been contacted by Lawrence Anderson. Anderson also joined the Water Board meeting at 10:05 AM. Anderson indicated that he is very concerned about installing a culvert across the canal to move water from north to south. Anderson explained that there are three culverts under Highway 281 that will result in the water moving east and south thereby causing problems in his pasture and also on the Schmaltz land. These culverts are located near the James River Ag driveway; near the Rue driveway; and one-half mile south of the Rue culvert. Anderson claims that prior to the canal there were no water problems to the south because water would spread out among the various fields. The Board discussed and considered these concerns. Reis made a motion to put culvert installation on hold pending further review. Second by Schaefer. The Board then discussed the AE2S Engineering proposal (\$19,800) and whether Garrison Diversion Conservancy District might contribute to engineering costs and/or whether upstream landowners (Koeplin, Weisenburger, Walker, etc) might be interested and willing to contribute to engineering costs. Reis suggested that Tweed should talk to GDCD to see if they will contribute to engineering costs. The board does not want to create additional problems for others but instead wants to fix existing problems. In the end, it may be necessary that this matter be left as-is and that Koeplin and Weisenburger address their problems directly with GDCD. Upon vote, motion carried.

Ellingson/Black Cleanout in Cherry Lake Township: Peterson received from Travis Black an application for cost share signed by Black, Ellingson and Sizer. The application proposes to clean approximately one mile of channel in Sections 34 and 35 in Cherry Lake Township. It is possible that an application will be coming from Arlan Hoyt to clean part of the channel in Section 36. No project cost estimates were included with the Black and Sizer applications. Therefore, the Water Board was unable to consider this matter further. Reis indicated that he spoke with Travis Black. Travis Black indicated that the parties have contacted approximately four contractors for purposes of obtaining cost estimates. If or when cost estimates are received, then the Water Board will take the matter up for further consideration.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that the USJWRB recently met. Nothing new to report.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on October 12, 2022.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January.


New Business:

Winter Water Convention: The Winter Water Convention is scheduled for December 6th through 8th in Bismarck. Tweed intends to attend. Reis made a motion to pay Tweed's registration fee. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried. Peterson will complete Tweed's registration and send it with payment.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2022, at 10 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman