

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

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on November 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenneth Reis and Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Board member Monty Schaefer appeared via telephone.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

AE2S – Invoice #90447 – September 16, 2023 to October 13, 2023 reviewed and discussed. The board requested that Peterson follow up with AE2S to determine what this invoice relates to.

ND Water Users Association-Tweed Water Convention Registration \$300
Reis made a motion to pay Tweed's water convention registration. Seconded 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: Peterson summarized his October 17, 2023 phone call with Ryan Anderson, PE, GDCD. The topic was alternative #2 (crossing NR canal approximately 2,800' west of Highway #281 near the railroad tracks). Before Anderson could consider cost sharing the engineering fees, he needed an estimate of engineering costs from AE2S. He received that (\$18,000 to \$20,000) and can now present the request to the GDCD Board of Directors. Anderson is not certain when the GDCD Board will consider the cost share request.

The Board discussed the potential engineering costs for alternative #2. The consensus is that if alternative #2 is further investigated, it may require financial participation by the interested landowners.

Peterson also informed the Board that he received an email from Jesse Kist, PE, of AE2S. Kist inquired whether he should attend this meeting, either in person or telephonically. Because funding for additional engineering fees is not certain, Peterson did not follow up with Kist.

Nate Collier/Wade Wipperling/Columbia Township: No update.

Rosefield Township/Culverts: The culverts and road at the Gedrose crossing are fixed. It was agreed between the parties that Wells County would pay 60% of the cost and Rosefield Township would pay 40% of the cost. Rosefield Township paid 100% of the cost up front, but then submitted a 60% cost share request to Wells County.

Three of four culverts at the Kulsrud crossing were replaced. Rosefield Township paid for 100% of this project, with participation from Eddy County toward culvert costs.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the business conducted at a meeting held last week. He also participated in a tour of the pipeline construction activities. A \$48,000,000 contract was recently awarded for construction of eight (8) miles of pipeline located further east of current construction activities. These additional eight (8) miles will be worked on during the summer of 2024. Regarding the pipeline, GDCD is considering moving the surge tank six (6) miles further west from its current location near McClusky.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: No update.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Nothing new to report. Board activities are focused on the pilot projects.

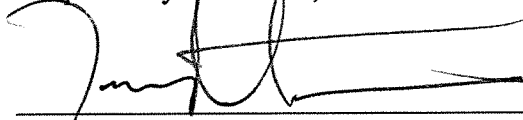
New Business:

Annual Water Convention: The annual water convention is scheduled for December 5-8 in Bismarck. Tweed plans to attend. Schaefer also plans to attend when he is able; and for the purpose of attending the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023, at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

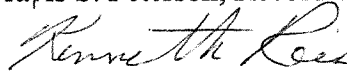
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman