

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD  
October 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on October 3, 2023 at 9:00 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. Eddy County Landowner, Roger Langley, joined the meeting in progress.

The minutes of the regular September 5, 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 #89860 – August 12, 2023 to September 15, 2023 (one-third of \$950.00) = \$316.67

Reis made a motion to pay said bill. Tweed seconded the motion. 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:** Other than receiving the above referenced invoice, Peterson has heard nothing from AE2S or Ryan Anderson, P.E., of Garrison Diversion Conservancy District. The Board requested that Peterson follow up with Anderson to discuss alternative #2 (crossing canal approximately 2,800' west of Highway #281 near the railroad tracks).

**Nate Collier/Wade Wipperling/Columbia Township:** Reis reported that he talked to Wade Wipperling. Because there are US Fish and Wildlife Service Easements on his land, Wipperling decided not to pursue any drain cleanout. Reis does not know the status of Collier's drain cleanout efforts.

**Rosefield Township/Culverts:** No new information regarding the status of these matters.

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Tweed summarized his pipeline tour. The pipeline project is progressing well with two crews working. The contractor seems to have figured out the high-water table issue. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023 in Carrington.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the September 13, 2023 meeting. In addition to the regular meeting business, west-end and east-end outlet reports were provided. Water Stewardship Award nomination deadline is October 31, 2023. The board will be reviewing its bylaws. The board is considering a Devils Lake Basin Economic Analysis to help guide future decision making. Website upgrades are coming. A number of Missouri River Joint Water Board meetings are scheduled in October (Linton, Fargo, Devils Lake). Benson County

has not yet participated in Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Board activities. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: No update.

New Business:

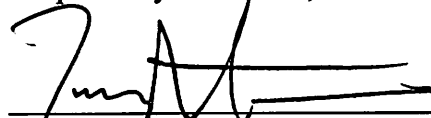
Roger Langley/Sheldon Township Culverts: Roger Langley was present to discuss two approaches and culverts west of and adjacent to Eddy County Road #4. The approaches/culverts are located within the NE1/4 of Section 15, Township 149, Range 65, Eddy County, ND. Langley would like the culverts capped or removed, thereby forcing the water east through existing culverts under County Road #4. As it is currently, water stays west of County Road #4 and spills into his field causing approximately 15 acres to be unproductive. Langley's thought is that capping or removing these culverts will force the water east into a northerly channel that eventually reaches the Robinson Coulee. Langley believes County Road #4 may be acting as an obstruction to the natural flow of water and capping or removing the culverts may remedy the situation. The Board informed Langley that the ultimate authority to modify these culverts rests with the County and the Water Board's authority is to coordinate installation, modification, or construction of culverts in an effort to achieve appropriate sizing and maximum consistency of road openings. As a result, the Water Board referred Langley to the County Commission to discuss capping or removing the culverts in question.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

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

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary



Kenneth Reis, Chairman