## MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD November 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on November 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenny Reis, Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Eddy County landowner, Roger Langley, was also present.

The minutes of the regular October 1, 2024 meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

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

<u>Correspondence</u>: Various correspondence was reviewed. Except as otherwise stated in these minutes no action required.

## **Old Business:**

Roger Langley/Eddy County Road #4: Langley was in to revisit his concerns about the culverts west of Eddy County #4 in the NE1/4 of Section 15, Township 149, Range 65. Langley explained that he initially talked to Eddy County Road Superintendent, Todd Weber, approximately two years ago. Believing that little attention has been given to the matter, Langley continues to communicate with county representatives. On November 4, 2024 Langley attended the Eddy County Commission meeting and presented various information and a request that county obtain a stream crossing study. Langley's request for a stream crossing study was denied. Langley believes that a stream crossing study is appropriate because the culvert between the NE1/4 of Section 15 and the NW1/4 of Section 14 was replaced in 2012 (approximately). Langley presented an article entitled The Who, What and Where of Stream Crossing Studies, and asked that the Eddy County Water Resource Board request a stream crossing study for the area in question. Langley is of the opinion that the stream crossing study is required and will indicate that the water affecting him is the result of unnatural flow of water due to the culverts in the approach south of Ed Nystrom's farmstead. Langley would also like a deviation (NDAC 89-14-01-06) from the stream crossing standards that permit installation of ditch blocks to prevent water flowing into the ditch east of his field. Tweed moved to table Langley's request. Reis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board:</u> This board met in October. Schaefer indicated there was no new information to report.

<u>Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:</u> Tweed summarized the business conducted at the October 9, 2024 meeting. Tweed reported that the east and west end pumps were shut down for the season. It is estimated that 100,000 acre feet of water was removed from Devils Lake in 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2024.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed reported that he participated in an executive board meeting on November 4, 2024. At that meeting, Red River Valley Water Supply Pipeline business was discussed.

Tweed brought up the fact the GDCD and US Bureau of Reclamation are close to negotiating GDCD's acquisition of the New Rockford Canal. Tweed inquired whether the board members had any ideas about potential uses for the New Rockford Canal.

<u>Battle Lake Access:</u> Tweed reported that this matter may be resolved. He was in the area recently and noticed that the posted sign(s) were gone.

## **New Business:**

Winter Water Convention: Mike Tweed presented his registration for the Winter Water Convention scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck. Tweed indicated that the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board will reimburse Eddy County for attendance. Reis moved to pay Tweed's registration fees. Schaefer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Next Meeting:</u> The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Kenneth Reis, Chairman