

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
September 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on September 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Eddy County Courthouse. Board members Kenneth Reis, Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, and Secretary/Treasurer, Travis S. Peterson, were present in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse. Eddy County landowners Jeff Anderson, Bryant Huso and Kris Skadberg were also present.

The minutes of the regular August 2, 2022, meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 18, 2022 special meeting regarding the Justin Topp Drain Tile Application 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 Tweed. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Colvin Coulee: Jeff Anderson and Bryant Huso were present to discuss the Sun Dog Construction job quote. Sun Dog Construction estimated 140 hours of work at \$200 an hour for a total of \$28,000. According to Anderson, Sun Dog Construction is ready to start work. Also according to Anderson and Huso, the coulee is dry enough to proceed. Tweed moved to approve an 80% cost share up to a maximum of \$22,400. If it appears that 140 hours is insufficient to finish the project, then Anderson or Huso will contact the water board and the water board will have a special meeting to evaluate the work completed and the additional amount of time it may take to complete the project. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding the manner in which Sun Dog would bill for their services. It was agreed that Sun Dog can bill the water board for 80% of the cost; and Sun Dog will bill each landowner separately for work completed on each landowner's property.

Rosefield Dam: No update.

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Schaefer and Tweed presented culvert cost information. 14 ga. 30" culvert costs \$61.20/foot; 16 ga. 30" culvert costs \$40.80/foot; 30" bands costs \$146.88/each; and flares cost \$538/each. So, for 400 feet of 16 ga. 30" culvert with bands and flares, the water board is looking at approximately \$18,864.80, plus freight. Schaefer made a motion to buy 16 ga. 30" culvert of an appropriate length and necessary bands and flares in order that Garrison Diversion Conservancy District can install a culvert across the New Rockford Canal. Second by Reis. Motion carried. Tweed will call Kip Kovar and inquire about Garrison Diversion construction timeline.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: Schaefer reported that the USRJWRB approved payment to upgrade their Lidar mapping capabilities. This should benefit the USJWRB and member counties because Lidar data will be more accurate. Schaefer also reported that the pilot projects are moving forward with planning, grant applications, permitting and obtaining easements. It is possible that construction may begin in 2023.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed provided an update of the business conducted at the last meeting held on August 10, 2022. As of that meeting date, Devils Lake elevation was approximately 1448'. Tweed reported that DLBJWRB also approved payment to upgrade its Lidar mapping capabilities. Again, this should be a benefit to DLBJWRB and member counties.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: No update.

New Business:

Schaefer inquired about four culverts located in the township road south of Metta McDowell's located east of Schaefer's farmstead and west of the Bison Ranch. This area is sometimes as referred as the Kulsrud Crossing. Schaefer reports that one of the four culverts has flattened out and there is not much dirt covering it. Further, the culverts are deteriorating/rusting. According to the board members these culverts are not part of the Oak Creek Assessment Drain. Schaefer wondered if these culverts would be considered part of the lower Rocky Run and subject to a 60/30/10 cost share between Wells/Eddy/Foster Counties. Reis thought these culverts are something that should be brought up at the next joint Rocky Run Meeting.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2022, at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman