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**MINUTES**  
**February 25, 2010**

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on February 25, 2010, at the EDWDD office in Brookings. Chairman Eggers called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The following persons attended:

**Directors Present**

Lois Brown  
Curt Eggers  
Doug Feten  
Martin Jarrett  
John Johnson  
Kay Kassube

**Others Present**

Joe Beech, Lake Hendricks Improvement Association  
Darin Larson, United State Geological Survey  
Luanne Napton, Brookings  
Jerry Soholt, Sioux Falls

**Directors Absent**

Vincent Flemming  
Robert Todd  
John Weidler

**Staff Present**

Jay Gilbertson  
Jeremy Hinke  
Deb Springman  
Kristi Thielen

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**Administrative Items**

Approval of Agenda - The Manager asked to have two Project Assistance requests, from the Big Sioux and Sioux Empire Water Festivals, added to the Agenda. **Motion** by Feten, seconded by Brown to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 28, 2010, meeting. **Motion** by Kassube, seconded by Johnson to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the January 2010 financial report. **Motion** by Brown, seconded by Jarrett to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Eggers then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Jarrett attended the January 28 meeting of the Lake County Clean Water Committee in Madison.

Director Johnson attended the February 18 meeting of the Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Advisory Board in Watertown.

The Manager briefly summarized the following meetings he attended:

1. January 28 - Madison. Lake County Clean Water Committee.

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2. February 2 - Webster. Day County ad hoc flooding group.
  3. February 3-5 - Pierre. Lobby SD Legislature on Senate Bill 184.
  4. February 4 & 5 - Pierre. SDARWS Managers Meeting.
  5. February 10-12 - Pierre. Lobby SD Legislature on Senate Bill 184.
  6. February 16 - DeSmet. Kingsbury County Commission.
  7. February 16 - via teleconference. Codington County Commission.
  8. February 16-19 - Pierre. Lobby SD Legislature on Senate Bill 184.
  9. February 22-23 - Pierre. Lobby SD Legislature on Senate Bill 184.
  10. February 24 - Pierre. SD Department of Agriculture Water Drainage Meeting.
  11. February 24 - Watertown. FEMA Flood Preparation Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **February 25 - 7:00 p.m.** - SDARWS Office, Madison. Lake County Clean Water Quality Committee.
2. **February 25 - 7:00 p.m.** - Oyate Community Center, 2421 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls. SD Office of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency flood preparation meeting.
3. **February 26 - 7:00 p.m.** - City Hall, 311 Third Street, Brookings. SD Office of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency flood preparation meeting.
4. **March 10 - 8:30 a.m.** - Matthews Training Center, Pierre. South Dakota Water Management Board.
5. **March 11 - 1:00 p.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. South Dakota Lakes & Streams Association.
6. **March 16 - 9:00 a.m.** - St. Paul, MN. Minnesota River Basin Integrated Watershed Management Project - Planning Meeting.

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The Manager requested that the March Board meeting be held on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, one day later than originally planned. **Motion** by Johnson, seconded by Feten to hold the March EDWDD Board of Directors meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the District office in Brookings. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **March 19 - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. March EDWDD Board Meeting.

Equipment Purchase Authorization - The Manager requested Board authorization to purchase two new computer systems to replace units the District had purchased 7 years earlier. Two central processing units (CPUs) would cost \$1,415. **Motion** by Brown, seconded by Jarrett to authorize expenditure of \$1,415 for the purchase of two CPUs as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2010 SD Legislative Review**

The Manager reviewed the status of numerous bills he is following during the ongoing 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the South Dakota Legislature.

HB 1013 An Act to authorize the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to accept certain documents submitted with electronic signatures. This bill has passed both chambers, and has been signed by the Governor.

HB 1056 An Act to make an appropriation from the coordinated natural resources conservation fund to the State Conservation Commission and declare an emergency. This bill has passed the House, and is pending action by the Senate.

HB 1174 An Act to authorize an increase in the compensation for members of the board of directors of

water user districts. The bill was deferred to the 41<sup>st</sup> legislative day by the House Local Government Committee.

SB 64 An Act to make appropriations from the water and environment fund, the water pollution control revolving fund subfund, and the drinking water revolving fund subfund for various water and environmental purposes, to authorize the construction and establish the state cost share for the Southern Black Hills Water System, and to declare an emergency. (Omnibus Water Bill) Passed the Senate, and is waiting action by the House Appropriations Committee. Awaiting action by full Senate.

SB 104 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding disclosure of public information and public meetings. Passed the Senate, and awaiting action by the House Local Government Committee.

SB 117 An Act to designate the kolache as the official state pastry. Deferred to the 41<sup>st</sup> legislative day by the Senate Commerce Committee.

SB 161 An Act to impose a fee on certain pipelines carrying crude oil and to create a crude oil pipeline compensation fund that may be used in the event of a crude oil spill. Passed the Senate State Affairs Committee, but failed on the Senate floor.

SB 184 An Act to revise certain provisions concerning the taxes imposed by water development districts and the addition and withdrawal of territory fro water development districts. Passed the Senate, and awaiting action by the House Taxation Committee.

### **Water Festival Project Assistance Requests**

Sioux Empire Water Festival - The Manager presented the with a request for project assistance of \$5,000 for the 2010 Sioux Empire Water Festival. The Festival is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 29 & 30, and will be held on the campus of the University of Sioux Falls. To-date, over 2,300 third and fourth grade students have registered for the event.

Big Sioux Water Festival - The Manager presented the with a request for project assistance of \$5,000 for the 2010 Big Sioux Water Festival. The Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, and will be held on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings. To-date, over 1,200 fourth grade students have registered for the event.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Jarrett to provide \$5,000 each in District project assistance funds to the Sioux Empire Water Festival and the Big Sioux Water Festival in support of the 2010 events and to authorize expenditure of the funds. Motion carried unanimously.

### **United States Geological Survey SD Water Science Center**

Darin Larson, Assistant Director for the United States Geological Survey South Dakota Water Science Center (USGS), presented the Board with an overview of the activities of the Huron Program Office. The Studies Section is presently working on projects examining scour in river and stream channels adjacent to bridges, re-examining regionalized peak-flow equations using stream gage data, real-time water quality monitoring, and sedimentation along the Cheyenne River. The Data Section operates and maintains numerous stream and river gaging stations state-wide. The gages provide basic hydrologic information for a range of activities and partners. They currently provide critical information for flood forecasting. USGS

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is also involved in ground water studies in the Aberdeen area, where they are characterizing the Elm aquifer, and Sioux Falls, monitoring unregulated man-made organic compounds.

### **Project Updates**

Volunteer Water Monitoring - Jeremy Hinke presented a summary of the 2009 Dakota Water Watch (DWW) Annual Report. It has been printed and distributed to all participants in the citizen monitoring program. He presented a copy to the Board for their examination. Copies would be distributed to cooperating agencies and other groups supporting these actions.

Central Big Sioux River Implementation Project - The Manager presented information prepared by Roger Strom, Project Coordinator. He continues to work with staff from the City of Sioux Falls on the easements proposed along Slip Up Creek, with hopes that it will be finalized this spring. An offer was made to a land owner in southern Hamlin County for a long-term (30 year) conservation easement. The landowner has already enrolled land in the program, and if the current deal is settled, he will have over 200 acres in the program. Work continues on bank stability (hard rock rip-rap) work along the Big Sioux River between Renner and Baltic. Mr. Strom assisted DENR staff in the evaluation of 9 new potential work sites.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further District business or other matters, Chairman Eggers declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Doug Feten, Secretary

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