



**East Dakota Water Development District**  
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**MINUTES**  
**January 13, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on January 13, 2016, at the American Legion Cabin in Pierre. Chairman Jarrett called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The following persons attended:

**Directors Present**

Mark Anderson  
Lois Brown  
Mary Ellen Connelly  
Gary Duffy  
Martin Jarrett  
Kay Kassube  
Jerry Sohlt  
Janelle Weatherly

**Directors Absent**

John Moes

**Staff Present**

Jay Gilbertson  
Deb Springman

**Others Present**

Frank Amundson, James River Water Development District  
Dave Bartel, James River Water Development District  
Clinton Bauer, James River Water Development District  
Robert Braun, James River Water Development District  
Jeanette Deurloo, West Dakota Water Development District  
Leon Ewert, West Dakota Water Development District  
Pete Jahrus, SD Department of Environment & Natural Resources  
Dan Klemisch, James River Water Development District  
Dan Koupal, James River Water Development District  
Bill Markley, SD Department of Environment & Natural Resources  
Emily Martinez, West Dakota Water Development District  
Carol Milan, James River Water Development District  
Brad Prehiem, Vermillion Basin Water Development District  
Darrell Raschke, Huron  
Judy Smoyer, James River Water Development District  
Randy Stanley, James River Water Development District

**Administrative Items**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Duffy, seconded by Kassube to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes** - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the December 17, 2015, meeting.

**Motion** by Sohlt, seconded by Duffy to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the December 2015 Financial Reports.

**Motion** by Connelly, seconded by Soholt to accept the December 2015 Financial Reports. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Jarrett then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Director Connelly attended the meeting of the Friends of the Big Sioux River in Sioux Falls on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Director Duffy reported on presentations given at the Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association in Sioux Falls on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Director Soholt reported on the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SD Board of Water and Natural Resources held via the Dakota Digital Network (DDN).

Directors Anderson, Brown, Connelly, Duffy, Kassube, Soholt and Weatherly attended the Water Development District Legislative Breakfast earlier in the day (January 13<sup>th</sup>) at the State Capitol in Pierre.

Directors Anderson, Brown, Connelly, Duffy, Jarrett, Kassube, Soholt and Weatherly attended meetings the Board of Directors of the James River Water Development District earlier in the day (January 13<sup>th</sup>) at the American Legion Cabin in Pierre.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

1. December 22, 2015 - Madison, MN. Lac qui Parle River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) Steering Committee.
2. January 5, 2016 - Milbank. Report to Grant County Commission on 2015 water quality sampling.
3. January 6 - Brookings. Progress report on winter application of manure research project.
4. January 8 - Brookings DDN site/teleconference. SD Board of Water and Natural Resources.
5. January 12 - Pierre. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Annual Technical Conference.
6. January 13 - State Capitol Building, Pierre. Water Development District Legislative Breakfast.
7. January 13 - Pierre. James River Water Development District Board of Directors.

Election of Officers for 2016 - Chairman Jarrett turned the meeting over to the Manager for the election of Board officers for 2016.

The Manager called for nominations for Chairman for 2016.

**Motion** by Kassube, seconded by Brown to nominate Director Jarrett for Board Chair, Director Soholt as Vice-Chair and Director Moes as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jarrett resumed control of the meeting.

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Upcoming Meetings -

1. **January 20 - 10:00 a.m.** - Sioux Falls. Regional Wastewater Planning Group Quarterly Meeting.
2. **February 1 - 7:00 p.m.** - Downtown Public Library, Sioux Falls. Friends of the Big Sioux River.
3. **February 3 - 10:30 a.m.** - Pierre. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Source Water Protection Workshop.
4. **February 3 & 4 - 1:00 p.m.** - Pierre - SDARWS Managers Group Meeting.
5. **February 18 - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. February EDWDD Board of Directors.

The Manager noted that the South Dakota Legislature would be in session during this period, and he would be acting as District Lobbyist as necessary. This would likely involve several trips to Pierre.

2016 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule - The Manager presented the following draft meeting schedule for 2016:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Meeting Site</b>
January 13 (2 <sup>nd</sup> We)	Pierre	1:00 p.m.	American Legion Cabin
February 18	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
March 17	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
April 21	Dell Rapids	9:30 a.m.	Minnehaha CWC Office
May 19	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
June 16	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
July 21	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
August 18	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
September 15	Brookings	9:00 a.m.	EDWDD Office
October 20	Watertown	9:30 a.m.	(to be determined)
November 17	Sioux Falls	9:30 a.m.	Water Reclamation Plant
December 15	Brookings	1:00 p.m.	EDWDD Office

All meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month, except for the January meeting.

**Motion** by Weatherly, seconded by Brown to adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Official Newspapers - The Manager indicated that state law requires that the District annually designate official newspapers in which formal and necessary public notices are to be published. The Manager proposed to retain the same newspapers as have been used in the past by the District.

**Motion** by Duffy, seconded by Soholt to designate the following newspapers as the official newspapers for District notices in 2016 - Brookings Register, Clear Lake Courier, Grant County Review, De Smet News, Miner County Pioneer, Watertown Public Opinion, Moody County Enterprise, Hamlin County Herald Enterprise, Madison Daily Leader and Sioux Falls Argus Leader. Motion carried unanimously.

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District Organizational Memberships -

**Motion** by Weatherly, seconded by Connelly to retain District memberships in the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems and the American Water Resources Association for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Project Assistance Requests**

Town of Canova - The Manager presented a request for District cost-share assistance from the Town of Canova in Miner County. They currently get their drinking water from two, city-owned wells (primary and backup). Upkeep and maintenance of these wells is a challenge, as it is for many small communities. The Town has engaged DGR Engineering to investigate options for having KingBrook Rural Water System provide complete water service. The projected study cost is \$10,000, with \$8,000 anticipated to be provided through an SD Small Community Planning Grant. The request is for half of the remaining costs, or \$1,000.

**Motion** by Kassube, seconded by Weatherly to provide District cost-share assistance to cover ten percent (10%) of the projected drinking water system study costs, up to a maximum of \$1,000, to the Town of Canova as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Sioux Empire Water Festival - The Manager presented a request from Deb Callahan, Fund-raising Chair for the Sioux Empire Water Festival, for District cost-share assistance for the 2016 event, set to be held at the University of Sioux Falls on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Manager noted that this would be the 23<sup>rd</sup> such event, all of which had been supported by the District.

Big Sioux Water Festival - The Manager presented a request from Deb Springman, Festival Coordinator for the Big Sioux Water Festival, for District cost-share assistance for the 2016 event, set to be held at the South Dakota State University on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Manager noted that this would be the 24<sup>th</sup> such event, and that the District had been the primary sponsor since its inception in 1993.

The Manager recommended providing District cost-share assistance funding for the two events, with \$10,000 to the Sioux Empire Water Festival and \$8,000 to the Big Sioux Water Festival. He explained the difference in amounts as a reflection of the greater level of staff support the District provides to the Brookings event.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Duffy to provide \$10,000 in support to the 2016 Sioux Empire Water Festival and \$8,000 in support to the 2016 Big Sioux Water Festival as recommended and to authorize expenditure of the funds. It was the consensus of the Board that these events provide a unique and invaluable learning experience, and the organizers were to be commended for their efforts. Motion carried unanimously.

**South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources Program Updates**

Bill Markley, Administrator for the SD DENR Ground Water Quality Program, and Pete Jahrus, Administrator for the SD DENR Watershed Protection Program, provided overviews of their respective operations and activities.

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## Legislative Update

The Manager noted that the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the South Dakota Legislature had begun just the day before (January 12<sup>th</sup>). No water resource-related bills had been filed to-date, but he briefly reviewed anticipated legislation:

1. There will be a bill put forward to formally define the boundaries of the nine (9) river basin natural resource districts;
2. The annual omnibus water funding bill will be filed following recommendations developed by the Board of Water and Natural Resources in November 2015;
3. A bill to make determination of whether a river/stream is considered to be (state) navigable a strictly legislative decision; and
4. A bill to clean up some language in water development district code that references land-ownership as a condition to take certain actions.

The Manager stated that as these and other bills develop, they can be followed by way of the a state web site, [http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative\\_Session/Default.aspx?Session=Ninety-First](http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative_Session/Default.aspx?Session=Ninety-First). He will be sending out periodic updates on legislation of interest.

### District Updates

2016 Water Quality Monitoring - The Manager reviewed tentative plans for water quality sampling activities during 2016. He expects that the 2016 sampling program will be similar to that of 2015, with the exception of a few additional monitoring sites on selected tributaries to the Big Sioux River.

Big Sioux Watershed Project - The Manager reviewed the steps being taken to transition current Project staff into employment with the District. Various agreements are in the works and it is expected that the transition should be completed by late March.

### Adjournment

There being no further District business, Chairman Jarrett declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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John G. Moes, Secretary

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