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MINUTES
July 16, 2009

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on July 16, 2009, at the District Office in Brookings. Chairman Eggers called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Lois Brown
Curtis Eggers
Doug Feten
Vincent Flemming
Martin Jarrett
John Johnson
Kay Kassube
Robert Todd
John Weidler

Others Present

Shirley Flemming, Florence
Randy Jencks, Kingbrook Rural Water System
Darin Larson, United States Geological Survey

Staff Present

Jay Gilbertson
Roger Strom

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Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda - The Manager requested that a Project Assistance Request from the Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System be added to the agenda, and that discussion of the Whetstone River watershed Assessment be removed. **Motion** by Flemming, seconded by Weidler to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the June 18, 2009 meeting. **Motion** by Todd, seconded by Feten to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the June 2009 Financial Report. **Motion** by Flemming, seconded by Weidler to accept the June 2009 Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Eggers then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Directors Jarrett and Todd attended informational meetings on the proposed Interlakes Water Project District over the past month. The public vote on the creation of the district is scheduled for July 18th.

Director Flemming attended the Codington Conservation District meeting on July 13 and the Lake Pelican Water Project District meeting on July 15. Both meetings were held in Watertown.

Director Todd attended the June 30 meeting of the Lake Madison Development Association.

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Chairman Eggers reported on the June 22nd South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD) Vermillion-Big Sioux Area meeting in Howard.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

1. **June 22** - Howard - SDACD Vermillion-Big Sioux Area meeting.
2. **June 23** - Brookings. Brookings County Commission.
3. **June 25 & 26** - Pierre. South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources (BWNR).
3. **July 6** - Brookings. BWNR meeting via telephone conference call.
4. **July 7** - DeSmet. State Conservation Commission.
5. **July 9** - Brookings. SD Lakes & Streams Association meeting.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **July 18 - 10:00 a.m.** - Hillside Resort parking lot, Lake Madison. Vote to establish the Interlakes Water Project District.
2. **July 23 - 1:00 p.m.** - Various DDN sites. SD Board of Water & Natural Resources.
3. **July 29 - 8:00 a.m.** - Lewis & Clark RWS, Sioux Falls. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems Managers meeting.
4. **August 2 - 10:00 a.m.** - Hillside Resort parking lot, Lake Madison. Lake Madison Development Association Annual Meeting.
5. **August 6 - 7:00 p.m.** - Public Library, Madison. Interlakes Water Quality Committee.
6. **August 20 - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. August EDWDD Board of Directors Meeting. Public hearing on 2010 District Operations budget at 10:00 a.m.

Payment Requests - The Manager requested authorization to make a payment of \$2,125 to the Town of Revillo. At the November 2008 meeting, the District agreed to provide project assistance funds for the completion of a storm-water management/flood control study. Specifically, the Board agreed to provide District cost-share assistance covering fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the study, up to a maximum of \$2,125. The study has been completed, and the Town has submitted project billings and a request for payment. The final project cost was \$4,250, and the District's share is \$2,125. **Motion** by Kassube, seconded by Brown to authorize payment of \$2,125 to the Town of Revillo to cover the District's obligation for the costs of the study. The Manager indicated that this action would complete the District's commitment to the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee Report - Director Jarrett, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, presented the results of the Committee's meeting held earlier that morning at the District office. Annual performance reviews were completed on District staff by the Manager. The staff received generally high marks, and there were no significant concerns or problems identified. Director Eggers reported that the Manager's performance evaluation, a composite completed by all Board members, also indicated a high level of satisfaction with his efforts.

For compensation for Fiscal Year 2004, the Committee recommended increases of between three and one-half and five and one-half percent (3.5 - 5.5%) for staff. The Manager indicated that Committee's salary recommendations were subsequently built into the draft Fiscal Year 2010 budget for consideration by the Finance Committee.

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Finance Committee Report - Committee Chairman Kassube and the Manager reviewed the draft FY 2010 budget developed at the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the day. **Motion** by Flemming, seconded by Weidler to hold the public hearing on the District's FY 2010 budget on August 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the District office in Brookings and to authorize publication of the draft budget and necessary public notices. The Manager indicated that the draft budget will be published in all District newspapers in advance of the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Assistance Requests

Town of Ramona - The Manager and Randy Jencks, Manager of the Kingbrook Rural Water System, presented the Board with a request for cost-share assistance on behalf of the Town Of Ramona. The Town is currently conducting an evaluation of their options for the future of their drinking water system. They have experienced sporadic problems and have arranged to have an engineering firm evaluate the current conditions and potential improvements. The Town has retained Schmitz, Kalda and Associates to complete the study, at a total cost of \$7,500. The State Small Community Planning Grant Program should provide \$6,000, leaving a local cost of \$1,500.

Motion by Jarrett, seconded by Todd to provide District cost-share assistance of fifty percent (50%) of the local costs of the study, up to a maximum amount of \$750. Motion carried unanimously, with Director Weidler abstaining.

Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System - The Manager presented the Board with a request for cost-share assistance on behalf of the Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System. The System is currently conducting a future system pipeline capacity analysis to aid in planning future distribution system projects. The System has retained Dewild, Grant, Reckert and Associates to complete the study, at a total cost of \$3,000.

Motion by Weidler, seconded by Kassube to provide District cost-share assistance of fifty percent (50%) of the local costs of the study, up to a maximum amount of \$1,500. Motion carried unanimously, with Director Feten abstaining.

Conservation Commission Vacancy

The Manager noted that Casey Krogman has resigned from the State Conservation Commission. Mr. Krogman is a Director of the West River WDD, and represents water development districts on the Commission. According to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 38-7-4, the Governor must replace Mr. Krogman from a list of nominees submitted by water development district directors. Each of the seven water development districts has been asked to submit a name for consideration. Given the political affiliations of the remaining eight members of the Commission, SDCL 38-7-4 would prohibit the Governor appointing anyone who is a registered Republican. Finally, the manager noted that the nominee need not necessarily be a water development district director.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Kassube to nominate Director Martin Jarrett for possible appointment to the State Conservation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

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District Projects Updates

Dakota Water Watch - The Manager briefed the Board on Dakota Water Watch activities. On July 18, the South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association (SDCKA) will collecting water quality samples at Diamond Lake in northwest Minnehaha County. This is a “snap shot” event, in which a water body is sampled intensively on a single day, as opposed to sampling one or two sites over a long period of time. A similar event was held with SDCKA last year at Grass Lake in Minnehaha County. Twenty sites have been identified which will be sampled for clarity (Secchi disk depth), nitrates, and bacteria. Training for new program participants on Lake Poinsett will be held in early August. Otherwise, samples and data are coming in regularly from current participants. Work has begun on the mid-season program update.

Central Big Sioux River Watershed Implementation Project - Roger Strom reviewed activity on this project. Work continues on seven riparian easement program applications, and two new applications have come forward. On new riparian area management (RAM) contract in Moody County is in the works. Mr. Strom is working with five operators on animal waste management system projects. Water quality sampling on the Big Sioux River was completed in late June.

Aurora Area Groundwater Assessment - The Manager noted that in the late 1980s, the South Dakota Geological Survey (SDGS), with support from this office, undertook an assessment of the shallow aquifers in and around the community of Aurora. They were experiencing elevated chronic elevated nitrate levels in their wells, and the study was intended to identify possible contamination sources and possible alternate well sites. The results indicated a wide-spread contamination problem, and the community ultimately hooked up to the City of Brookings for water.

District staff have initiated a re-investigation of ground-water quality in this area. Most of the observation wells used in the original investigation are still operational. They will be rehabilitated and then sampled for nitrates. Private wells tested earlier will also be re-sampled where accessible. SDGS has made materials available to re-develop the observation wells. The Manager indicated that is was his intent to determine how nitrate concentrations in area groundwater had changed over the twenty plus years between the investigations.

Adjournment

There being no additional District business, Chairman Eggers declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Doug Feten, Secretary

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