



**East Dakota Water Development District**  
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**MINUTES**  
**June 19, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on June 19, 2014, by way of a telephone conference call. Chairman Jarrett called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The following persons attended:

**Directors Present**

Mark Anderson  
Lois Brown  
Mary Ellen Connelly  
Gary Duffy  
Martin Jarrett  
Kay Kassube  
John Moes  
Roger Scheibe

**Others Present**

Janelle Weatherly, Flandreau

**Staff Present**

Jay Gilbertson

**Director(s) Absent**

Jerry Soholt

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**Administrative Items**

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Minutes** - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 15, 2014, meeting.

**Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Kassube to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports** - The Board reviewed the May 2014 financial statements.

**Motion** by Scheibe, seconded by Moes to approve the May 2014 financial statements. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Jarrett directed that the approved financial statements be placed in the District files.

**Report of Meetings and Conferences** - Director Moes attended the meeting of the Lake Pelican Water Project District in Watertown on June 18.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

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1. **June 2** - Brookings. USDA Regional Cooperative Partnership Program (RCPP) Oakwood Lakes project development meeting.
2. **June 10** - Watertown. Codington County Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting.
3. **June 10** - Watertown. Upper Minnesota River Watershed RCPP project development meeting.
4. **June 16** - Vermillion. South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Big Sioux-Vermillion Area meeting.
5. **June 17** - Brookings. Brookings County Commission.
6. **June 17** - Madison. Kiwanis Club presentation.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **June 19 - 1:00 p.m.** - Madison. Lake County RCPP project development meeting
2. **June 19 - 1:30 p.m.** - Brookings. Oakwood Lakes RCPP project development meeting.
3. **June 19 - 3:00 p.m.** - New Ulm, MN. First Minnesota River Congress.
4. **June 24 - 9:00 a.m.** - Day County Courthouse, Webster. South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts Coteau Area meeting.
5. **June 24 - 9:00 a.m.** - Sioux Falls. Central Big Sioux River Watershed Project Steering Committee.
6. **June 26 - 1:00 p.m.** - various DDN sites. South Dakota Board of Water & Natural Resources.
7. **July 7 thru August 7** - regional public water supply well fields. WHPA II Project observation well installation with SDGS drilling rig/crew.
8. **July 17 - 9:00 a.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. July EDWDD Board of Directors Meeting.

Payment Requests - The Manager presented the Board with three payment requests:

*Brookings County Conservation District* - At the April 2014 Board meeting, the District pledged up to \$5,000 to the Brookings County Conservation District (BCCD) to be applied toward the purchase of a grass drill which is used to plant native grasses by landowners within Brookings County and adjoining counties. BCCD has acquired the grass drill, and has requested payment of the District support (\$5,000).

*Moody Conservation District* - At the February 2014 Board meeting, the District pledged up to \$5,000 to the Moody Conservation District (MCD) to be applied toward the purchase of a grass drill which is used to plant native grasses by landowners within Moody County and adjoining counties. MCD has acquired the grass drill, and is requesting payment of the District support (\$5,000).

*South Dakota State University* - In October 2011, the District agreed to provide \$60,438 in cost-share assistance to South Dakota State University (SDSU) for a research project entitled, "Agricultural Subsurface Drainage Impacts on Hydrology in Eastern South Dakota." Dr. Chris Hay has provided several updates on the project. SDSU has submitted a billing covering project expenses (\$1,158.71) for the period from 4/1/14 thru 4/30/14. Prior payments totaling \$51,687.55 have been made in support of this effort.

The Manager indicated that the three payment requests were in order and requested authorization to pay all three, for a total of \$11,158.71 (\$5,000 + \$5,000 + 1,158.71).

**Motion** by Moes, seconded by Connelly to authorize payments totaling \$11,158.71 the Brookings County Conservation District, the Moody County Conservation District and South Dakota State University as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Water Resource Informational Signs**

The Manager briefly reviewed several different concepts for providing public information about water resources within the District through the use of signs along public highways and at river and lake access points. One option would be the creation of informational signs to be placed at parks and interstate highway rest areas that describe regional water resources and geologic settings. This would be pursued in cooperation with the South Dakota Chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. Another option would involve placing signs along primary and secondary roads identifying rivers, streams and major watershed boundaries, with reminders about the importance of pollution prevention.

Lastly, the Manager believes there is a need to raise public awareness of what the State designated beneficial uses are for various water bodies. He noted that in numerous public queries over the years, he is left with the impression that most people are under the impression that swimming in the Big Sioux River is acceptable (or should be) pretty much everywhere. In fact, this designation only applies to the river from Dell Rapids downstream to the confluence with the Missouri River. Developing appropriate language for such signs would be a challenging, but worthwhile, effort. The Manager indicated he would bring formal proposals to the Board at the July meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further District business, Chairman Jarrett requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**Motion** by Kassube, seconded by Brown to adjourn the Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Roger Scheibe, Secretary

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