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MINUTES
November 16, 2012

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on November 16, 2012, at the Water Reclamation Plant, 4500 North Sycamore, Sioux Falls, SD. Chairman Jarrett called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Lois Brown
Vincent Flemming
Martin Jarrett
Kay Kassube
Roger Scheibe
Jerry Soholt
John Weidler

Others Present

Barry Berg, SD Association of Conservation Districts
Terry Easton, Corson Sanitary District
Shirley Flemming, Florence
John Maursetter, Lake County
Jesse Neyens, City of Sioux Falls
Lisa Richardson, SD Corn Growers Association
Tim Spade, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

Directors Absent

Mary Ellen Connelly

Staff Present

Jay Gilbertson

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Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Weidler, seconded by Soholt to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the October 18, 2012, meeting.

Motion by Scheibe, seconded by Weidler to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2012, meeting of the East Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the October 2012 Financial Report.

Motion by Soholt, seconded by Kassube to accept the October 2012 Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Jarrett then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Directors Brown, Flemming, Kassube and Weidler, along with Chairman Jarrett, attended the Eastern South Dakota Hydrology Conference on October 30th in Brookings.

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Director Flemming attended meetings of the Lake Pelican Water Project District on November 14 and the Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Advisory Board on November 15. Both meetings were held in Watertown.

Chairman Jarrett attended the October 25 meeting of the Lake County Clean Water Committee in Madison.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

1. **October 22-25** - Ketchum, Idaho. Western States (EPA Regions 8, 9 & 10) Source Water Protection Forum.
2. **October 30** - Brookings. Eastern South Dakota Hydrology Conference.
3. **October 31/Nov 1** - Deadwood. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Managers group Meeting.
4. **November 2** - Rapid City. Dakota water Watch informational presentation.
5. **November 8** - Pierre. SD Board of Water and Natural Resources meeting.
6. **November 13** - Huron. James River water Development District Board Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **November 19 - 12 noon** - DeSmet. Sioux Valley County Commissioners Meeting.
2. **November 20 - 8:00 a.m.** - Waseca, MN. Iowa/Minnesota/South Dakota Drainage Research Forum.
3. **November 27** - Pierre. Conservation funding discussion.
4. **November 29/December 1** - Alexandria, MN. Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Annual Meeting.
5. **December 4 - 9:00 a.m.** - Pierre. SD Non-Point Source Task Force.
6. **December 10/11** - Aberdeen. Regional Watershed Advisory task Force.
7. **December 20 - 1:00 p.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. EDWDD December Board of Directors meeting.

The Manager noted that 2013 Session of the South Dakota Legislature would began on January 8th. He anticipates a need to be in attendance during much of the session to support legislation of interest to the District. In that the third Thursday in January (typical Board meeting day) will fall on a day the Legislature is in session, he proposed holding the meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013, instead. It was the consensus of the Board to adopt this change.

Out-of-State Travel Authorization - The Manager requested Board authorization for out-of-state travel to attended the 2012 Iowa/Minnesota/South Dakota Drainage Research Forum to be held in Waseca, Minnesota, on November 20th.

Motion by Flemming, seconded by Kassube to authorize attendance the Manager's attendance of the 2012 Iowa/Minnesota/South Dakota Drainage Research Forum as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Equipment and Software Purchase - The Manager requested Board authorization to purchase two replacement computers. The current units are becoming increasingly incapable of meeting the speed and processing requirements required to complete necessary tasks. He also requested permission to update the District's network server, which is 10 years old and also in need of replacement. Total cost of the improvements would be approximately \$3,000. He noted that the funds for such purchases are in the District budget.

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Motion by Scheibe, seconded by Soholt to authorize purchase of the equipment and software as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Area 5 Vacancy - The Manager requested authorization to re-initiate the process of filling the vacancy in Director Area 5. The vacancy had been advertised twice earlier in the year, and no nominating petitions had been filed. He proposed setting a deadline of January 9, 2013, for nominating petitions to be filed at the District office, with Board action to fill the vacancy at the January 14, 2013, meeting in Brookings. He noted that the term for the appointed director would last until December 31, 2014.

Motion by Weidler, seconded by Scheibe to authorize publication of the Notice of Vacancy; to require that all applicants for the vacancy submit their petitions to the EDWDD office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2013; and to set the January 14, 2013, Board meeting as the time to appoint a new Director for Area 5 from those that submit valid petitions. If no petitions are filed by the January 9, 2013 deadline, then the position would remain open until such time as a valid nominating petition is filed, and the Board takes action on the petition. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Assistance Request

Corson Sanitary District - Terry Easton, Corson Sanitary District (CSD), presented the Board with a request for District cost-share assistance. CSD is having compliance issues with their waste water treatment system, and they have retained an engineer to complete an assessment (facility plan) of the current system and to recommend possible solutions. Mr. Easton discussed aspects of the proposed effort. The total project costs was projected at \$2,500, and the CSD is requesting a grant of up to fifty-percent (50%) of the cost, which would come to \$1,250.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Kassube to provide District cost-share assistance to the Corson Sanitary District to cover fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the facility plan, up to a cap of \$1,250. Motion carried unanimously.

Area Water Resource Activity Reports

South Dakota Corn Growers Association - Lisa Richardson, Executive Director of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association, briefed the Board on her organizations efforts to raise awareness among corn growers in the state of the importance of sound water resources management to protect water quality for current and future generations.

City of Sioux Falls - Jesse Neyens, City of Sioux Falls Environmental Department, briefed the Board on the City's ongoing efforts to monitor water quality in the Big Sioux River and to reduce water quality impacts of activities within the community.

Central Big Sioux River Watershed Project - Barry Berg, South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts, briefed the Board on the ongoing activities of the Central Big Sioux River Watershed Project.

District Program Updates

Educational Outreach - The Manager Distributed a copy of what will be the back cover of the January 2013 edition of Quality On Tap, a consumer publication of the SDARWS. The District has sponsored the back

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page of this publication, which is distributed to up to 20,000 recipients, for the past year. The magazine presents information on water issues of general importance to the public. Individual rural water systems also customize the material to address local concerns. The upcoming version provides basic information on what water development districts are, and the role they play in supporting the sound management and protection of water resources in South Dakota. Past topics have included the Dakota Water Watch volunteer water monitoring program, children's water festivals, watersheds and ground water protection.

Updating/Implementation of Comprehensive Local Groundwater Protection for Shallow Aquifers in Eastern South Dakota - The Manager reviewed the status of the District's effort to revisit the local groundwater protection measures implemented in the early 1990s across the District. He noted that a grant application for this effort had been submitted earlier in the fall for funding under the Non-Point Source Pollution (319) Grant Program, which had provided funding for the initial effort. A copy of this request was distributed at the October Board meeting.

In late October, the Manager was told that SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) staff would be including funding for the effort in the draft 2013 Omnibus Water Funding Bill being developed for consideration by the Board of Water and Natural Resources (BWNR). At their November 8th meeting, the BWNR adopted this recommendation. As such, the 2013 Omnibus Water Funding Bill is expected to contain \$75,000 in funding for the effort. With this recommendation, The Manager indicated that he had formally withdrawn the request for 319 funding.

Adjournment

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There being no further District business, Chairman Jarrett declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Roger Scheibe, Secretary

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