



**East Dakota Water Development District**  
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**MINUTES**  
**November 20, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on November 20, 2014, at the EDWDD Office, 132B Airport Avenue, Brookings. Vice-Chairman Soholt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following persons attended:

**Directors Present**

Lois Brown  
Mary Ellen Connelly  
Gary Duffy  
Kay Kassube  
John Moes  
Roger Scheibe  
Jerry Soholt

**Directors Absent**

Mark Anderson  
Martin Jarrett

**Others Present**

Chad Comes, City of Madison  
Janelle Weatherly, Flandreau

**Staff Present**

Kevin Christenson  
Jay Gilbertson  
Jeremy Hinke  
Deb Springman

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**Administrative Items**

Approval of Agenda - The Manager asked to have item the project assistance request from the City of Sioux Falls removed from the agenda.

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

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, meetings.

**Motion** by Scheibe, seconded by Connelly to approve the Minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, meetings of the East Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the October 2014 Financial Reports.

**Motion** by Moes, seconded by Brown to accept the October 2014 Financial Reports. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman Soholt then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

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Report of Meetings and Conferences - Directors Brown and Connelly attended the Eastern South Dakota Hydrology Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup> in Brookings.

Director Moes reported on the Lake Pelican Water Project District meeting in Watertown of November 12.

Director Soholt reported on the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

1. **October 21** - Ortonville, MN. Whetstone River Re-Diversion Project discussion.
2. **October 23** - Watertown. South Dakota Planners Association Annual meeting.
3. **October 29** - Brookings. Eastern South Dakota Hydrology Conference.
4. **October 30 & 31** - Pierre. South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) Managers Group Meeting.
5. **November 6** - Pierre. SD Board of Water and Natural Resources meeting.
6. **November 13** - Huron. James River Water Development District Board Meeting.
7. **November 15** - Morton, MN. Minnesota River Basins - AREA II/Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Annual Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **November 24 - 8:30 a.m.** - State Capitol Building, Pierre. Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force (RWATF) Subcommittee on Standardized Disclosure of New Drainage Projects, Tracking of Drainage and Infrastructure Activity meeting.
2. **November 24 - 10:00 a.m.** - State Capitol Building, Pierre. Full RWATF meeting.
3. **December 3** - Matthews Training Center, Pierre. South Dakota Water Management Board.
4. **December 4-6** - Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria, MN. Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts 2014 Annual meeting.
5. **December 9 - 9:00 a.m.** - Matthews Training Center, Pierre. South Dakota Non-Point Source Task Force meeting.
6. **December 18 - 1:00 p.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. December EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

The Manager noted that 2015 Session of the South Dakota Legislature would begin on January 13<sup>th</sup>. In that the third Thursday in January (standard Board meeting day) will fall on a day the Legislature is in session (January 15<sup>th</sup>), he proposed holding the meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, instead.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Kassube to hold the January 2015 Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, with a start time of 11:00 a.m., at the District office in Brookings. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Requests - The Manager presented one payment request:

*South Dakota State University* - In October 2013, the District agreed to provide \$6,000 in cost-share assistance to South Dakota State University (SDSU) for a research project entitled, "Nutrient Removal from Agricultural Subsurface Drainage Using Denitrification Bioreactors and Phosphate Adsorbents." Dr. Guanghui Hua, Assistant Professor in the SDSU Civil and Environmental Engineering Department (CEE), is the lead investigator on the project. SDSU has submitted billings for this project covering project

expenses (\$1,480.12) for the period from 9/1/14 thru 9/30/14. Prior payments totaling \$4,037.59 have been made in support of this effort.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Duffy to authorize payment of \$1,480.12 to cover the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Area 7 Vacancy - The Manager requested authorization to re-initiate the process of filling the vacancy in Director Area 7. The vacancy had been advertised in advance of the 2014 general election cycle, and no nominating petitions had been filed. He proposed setting a deadline of January 9, 2015, for nominating petitions to be filed at the District office, with Board action to fill the vacancy at the January 20, 2015, meeting in Brookings. He noted that the term for the appointed director would last until December 31, 2016.

**Motion** by Duffy, 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, 2015; and to set the January 20, 2015, Board meeting as the time to consider all valid petitions and to appoint a new Director for Area 7. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Project Assistance Requests**

Big Sioux Community Water System and Minnehaha Community Water Corporation - The Manager presented a pair of cost-share assistance requests from the Big Sioux Community Water System (BSCWS) and the Minnehaha Community Water Corporation (MCWC). Specifically, BSCWS and MCWC requested District funds to offset the cost of developing preliminary engineering reports (PERs) for their individual shares of the “wheeling option,” by which water from the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System could be delivered to the City of Madison. Madison is the sole remaining LCRWS member in South Dakota that does not have a hard connection, and with greatly diminished federal funding, it is unlikely that funds would be available to complete the necessary pipeline. The “wheeling option” would involve upgrades and expansion of infrastructure within BSCWS and MCWC to facilitate delivery of additional water to Madison in the interim. The final cost for each of the PERs was \$4,700. The requests do not mention a specific amount, but the Manager noted that providing fifty percent (50%) of the local costs, \$2,350 each in this case, would be consistent with past District practice.

**Motion** by Scheibe, seconded by Moes to award District cost-share assistance to both BSCWS and MCWC as requested in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the PERs, not to exceed a total of \$2,350 for each. The Manager noted that the combined award would be for up to \$4,700. Motion carried unanimously.

City of Madison - Chad Comes, City Engineer for the City of Madison, presented the Board with a request for cost-share assistance. Specifically, the City is requesting \$10,725 to offset a percentage of the costs of a utility evaluation update. The comprehensive engineering assessment is evaluating the water supply and treatment capacity, water distribution and storage, wastewater collection system capacity and wastewater treatment system capacity. The overall cost of the study is projected at \$35,750, and their request represents thirty percent (30%) of the projected costs.

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**Motion** by Duffy, seconded by Kassube to award District cost-share assistance to the City of Madison as requested in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the utility evaluation update, not to exceed a total of \$10,725. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2015 Omnibus Water Bill Recommendations**

The Manager and Vice-Chairman Soholt reviewed a series of recommendations adopted by the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (BWNR) as to what should be included in the 2015 Omnibus Water Funding Bill. The recommendation will be presented to Governor Daugaard. The annual Omnibus Bill is the mechanism by which the State appropriates and distributes state funds for water resource management, protection and improvement activities.

### **District Updates**

Environmental Outreach & Education - Deb Springman reported that registration is now closed for the 2015 Big Sioux Water Festival. There are 27 schools and 55 fourth grade classes, for a total of 1,131 students, signed up for the event which will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> on the South Dakota State University campus. She and Kevin Christenson were guest speakers at a Flandreau High School environmental class where they discussed water quality and how lakes and streams are evaluated in South Dakota for impairments. They took the class to the Big Sioux River where the students had a chance to do some hands-on water quality testing and macroinvertebrate collection. Lastly, she and Jeremy Hinke participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual South Dakota Envirothon held at the NeSoDak Camp near Waubay in early October.

Dakota Water Watch - Jeremy Hinke explained that he had been invited to have Dakota Water Watch participate in a multi-state citizen water quality monitoring project. The focus of this effort will be primarily on nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and cyanobacteria and their effects both in the upper Midwest and in the Gulf of Mexico. Currently, the other states participating include Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. He noted that in addition to addressing topics of local concern, the effort will also be an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of Dakota Water Watch and to learn from other citizen-based water monitoring programs in the region.

### **Executive Session**

**Motion** by Duffy, seconded by Connelly to go into executive session at 12:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues with the Manager/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Soholt declared the executive session closed at 12:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further District business, Vice-Chairman Soholt declared the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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Roger Scheibe, Secretary

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