

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
August 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on August 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Mike Tweed, Kenny Reis, and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present was the following Eddy County landowner: Kris Skadberg.

The minutes of the regular July 7, 2020 meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed, along with the following bills:

USDA/Wildlife Services (Colvin Township Beavers)	\$600.00
Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board (2020 dues)	\$550.00

Reis made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills presented. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Rosefield Dam Matter: Peterson informed the Board that he has not heard from Sean Fredricks, attorney for Barnes County WRD. Peterson informed the Board that he reviewed the Barnes County WRD meeting minutes dating back to approximately December 2018 and searched for insight into Barnes County's efforts to convey dams located in their jurisdiction to adjacent landowners. Peterson did not find any evidence that Barnes County has actually conveyed any dams to adjacent land owners. Rather, it appears Barnes County is waiting for feedback from the ND Attorney General's office and/or State Water Commission.

Peterson distributed a July 31, 2020 email from Monty Schaefer summarizing his current thoughts about potential work on the Rosefield Dam and Spillway. In summary, Schaefer is considering widening the spillway from the current width of 60' to a width of 75' - 80'; lowering the spillway 6" to 9"; and widening the channel immediately downstream of the spillway to match the new spillway width. Schaefer would like to come up with a plan that is agreeable to all interested parties; that accommodates any potential upstream improvements; and that still protects downstream interests. Schaefer is hopeful that if a consensus is reached before submitting a construction permit to the OSE the permitting process may be less problematic.

Kris Skadberg was provided a copy Schaefer's July 31, 2020 email and indicated he would discuss it with Doug Skadberg.

The draft agreements between Eddy County WRD and Schaefer were briefly discussed. Reis expressed a general preference for the Maintenance and Repair Agreement. No decision was made pending further progress on the issues outlined above .

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: No new information regarding the draft letter from GCD to US Bureau of Reclamation.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board: There has been no meeting since the last Eddy County Water Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020.

Devils Lake Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the July 15, 2020 meeting. Devils Lake elevation is slightly higher. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2020 at 8 am at the Devils Lake Courthouse.

New Business:

Gary Vick/Kelly Slough: Tweed discussed an informal complaint he received concerning cattails on land owned by Gary Vick located in Section 1 of Colvin Township (Twp 149, Rge 62). The concern is that cattails are restricting water flow and causing water to back up on land owned by Chester Flaagan and other land farmed by Wade Halvorson. Apparently, Gary Vick does not want the cattails cleaned out because they may offer improved hunting opportunities. Flaagan and Halvorson want the cattails cleaned out. Peterson was instructed to do some preliminary research. Peterson informed Tweed that, before the Water Board can take any action, a formal written complaint is required.

Marvin Walter, Jr./Sheyenne River Erosion: Tweed informed the Board that he was contacted by Marvin Walter who is experiencing bank erosion and crop damage as a result of the increased water flows in the Sheyenne River. This is generally south of Warwick. Tweed indicated that he would be meeting with Walter to view the area in question. More information may be forthcoming.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 1, 2020 at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Kenneth Reis, Chairman