

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD  
December 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on December 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Mike Tweed, Kenny Reis, Peter Larson and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were the following Eddy County landowner: Kris Skadberg.

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 regular meeting were presented. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Reis made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Larson. Motion carried.

Peterson informed the Board that Certificates of Deposit #80806 and #80807 mature on December 13, 2019. During the meeting Peterson called Deb Rud at Bank Forward to learn current available terms. Deb indicated that the bank can offer a 12 month term at a 2% interest rate. After discussion, Larson moved to combine both of the current CDs into one for a term of 12 months at the 2% interest rate and that Kenneth Reis and Travis Peterson be designated signors on the new CD. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Tammy Roerich (Eddy County's share of secretarial fees for 9-27-19 Special Rocky Run Meeting)	\$64.95
Peter Larson (July-December meetings and mileage)	\$978.40
Kenneth Reis (July-December meetings and mileage)	\$965.54
Michael Tweed (July - December meetings and mileage)	\$1,947.28
Peterson Law Offices PC (Fees and costs advanced)	\$4,499.55

Reis made a motion to pay said bills. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Various correspondence was reviewed. Except as otherwise noted herein, no specific action required.

**Old Business:**

**Doug Skadberg/Monty Schaefer/Rosefield Dam Matter:** No new information.

**Rocky Run:** Reis indicated that it continues to flow at a significant rate. Lots of ice.

**Colvin Township Beaver Dams:** Peterson updated the Board on his discussions with Cody Krause, USDA Trapper. Krause located and inspected the dams. Krause is of the opinion that it is too late in the season and there is not much he can do because of the ice. Krause feels that blasting the beaver dams now present a greater potential for damage than leaving the dams until spring when water begins to flow. There was some talk about getting a trackhoe in this winter to remove the dams that are accessible. Names mentioned that might have a trackhoe are Close Construction, Joel Heck, Mark Rue and Ryan Hager. No decision was made with regard to track hoe efforts.

**Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District:** Larson provided a summary of the business conducted

at the October 16, 2019 meeting that was held at the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District building in Carrington, ND. There was significant discussion regarding Senate Bill 2020 that proposes a pilot project for joint water resource boards. The focus of the pilot project is joint water boards based on watershed boundaries rather than political boundaries. Benefits include increased cost shares from the State and more comprehensive watershed management. Potential draw backs include reduced autonomy at the local level. This legislation and potential pilot projects will certainly be discussed more in future months. The next regular meeting of the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board is scheduled for December 3, 2019 at 7PM at the Ramkota in Bismarck in conjunction with the Winter Water Convention.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on November 13 at the Ramsey County Courthouse. Senate Bill 2020 (see above) was discussed and there was a presentation regarding tile drainage. Devils Lake outlet pumping progress and Devils Lake and Stump Lake elevations were also discussed. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the Ramkota in Bismarck in conjunction with the Winter Water Convention.

**New Business:**

**Kenneth Reis term:** Peterson informed the Board that Kenneth Reis's term expires December 31, 2019. Reis was asked if he is willing to serve another 3 year term. Reis agreed. Peterson will inform the County Auditor and request that she place on the next County Commission meeting agenda the approval and appointment of Kenneth Reis to the Eddy County Water Resource Board for another three year term.

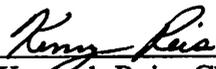
**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 7, 2020 at 10 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Kenneth Reis, Chairman