

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

January 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on January 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Michael Tweed, Kenny Reis, Peter Larson and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Eddy County Landowner, Monty Schaefer, was also present.

The minutes of the December 5, 2017 regular meeting were presented. Reis made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Tweed made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Larson. Motion carried. The following bills were presented for payment:

ND Water Resource District Association (2018 dues)	\$675.00
ND Water Resource District Association (ND Water Law Handbooks (3))	\$90.00

Larson made a motion to approve payment of said bills. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Various correspondence was reviewed. Except as otherwise stated herein no specific action required.

Old Business:

Ron Schaefer/BNSF Main Line Culvert: No additional or new information has been received by either Peterson or the Board.

Doug Skadberg/Monty Schaefer Matter: The December 26, 2017 email and attachments from Aaron Carranza, PE, SWC/OSE were reviewed and discussed. The Board instructed Peterson to contact Carranza and inquire about the process of obtaining a permit for the Rosefield Slough Dam. Depending on the information obtained from Carranza, Peterson is to then make inquiry with Interstate Engineering about engineering services that may be required.

Foster County Complaint regarding Kittleson Crossing: No additional or new information has been received by either Peterson or the Board.

Annual Winter Water and Irrigation Expo: Tweed summarized the activities and meetings he attended.

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held in Carrington on December 14, 2017.

Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed attended the last meeting held in Bismarck in conjunction with the Winter Water Convention. Tweed discussed the business conducted at that meeting.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed attended the last meeting held in Bismarck in conjunction with the Winter Water Convention. Tweed discussed the business conducted at that meeting. Tweed informed the Board that he was elected to be the President of the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board for 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018 at 9 AM at the Devils Lake City Hall.

New Business:

DeLane Hoyt/Nelson County Complaint: Charlene Varnson forwarded to Peterson a copy of the complaint filed with the Nelson County Water Board by DeLane Hoyt. The complaint concerns a drain that was improved by Curtis Twete and results in increased water over Hoyt's pasture located in Township 149, Range 61, Section 6. The increased water is backing up and flooding the Hoyt's pasture because the culvert in the Eddy/Nelson County line needs replacing. The culvert in question is in a township road between Section 1 of Township 149, Range 62 in Eddy County and Section 6 of Township 149, Range 61 in Nelson County. The estimated cost to replace that culvert is \$3,000. Initial reports are that Curtis Twete will pay \$1,000; Nelson County will pay \$1,000; and Nelson County wonders if Eddy County will pay the remaining \$1,000. After review and discussion it was determined that because the culvert is in a township road it is the responsibility of Colvin Township. Further consideration of any cost share would be addressed if or when Colvin Township approaches the Eddy County Water Board.

Colvin Township Culverts: In addition to the culvert discussed above, Tweed brought to the attention of the Water Board two other culverts in Colvin Township that require attention. One culvert is between Sections 5 and 6 on the west end of Bakstad Lake. This culvert is plugged and requires cleaning. The condition of this culvert is causing water to back up to the west of Bakstad Lake. The other culvert is between Sections 5 and 8 and is rusted out. The condition of this culvert is causing water to back up to the north. Because both of these culverts are in Township Roads it was the consensus of the Board that they are the responsibility of Colvin Township.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board will be held on February 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman