

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
July 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on July 2, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Kenny Reis, Michael Tweed, Peter Larson and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were the following Eddy County landowners: Doug Skadberg, Kris Skadberg, and Monty Schaefer.

The minutes of the June 4, 2019 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.

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

Old Business:

Doug Skadberg/Monty Schaefer/Rosefield Dam Matter: Peterson informed the Board that he served the Notice of Decision on the interested parties on June 25, 2019. Schaefer signed the return receipt on June 27, 2019; and Skadberg signed the return receipt on June 29, 2019. The Notice was also served via email on Schaefer, Skadberg, Kale Van Bruggen and Bennett Johnson. Skadberg has 30 days to appeal.

Schaefer indicated that, depending on Skadberg's course of action, he may present to the Board a proposed Maintenance Agreement at the August meeting. Schaefer also intends to work with his engineers to determine a course of action to repair the dam and spillway. There was discussion between Schaefer and Skadberg about scheduling a time they might get together to discuss the dam and spillway. All parties seemed agreeable to that discussion. Finally, Schaefer requested a copy of the materials presented by Kris Skadberg at the June 4, 2019 meeting. Peterson indicated he would email those materials to Schaefer.

Warsing Dam and Warwick Dam Beavers: Peterson informed the Board that James Myhre was contacted about beaver control. Myhre responded by email and explained that anyone possessing a furbearer's license can shoot beavers all year, but there is a specific season for snaring/trapping beavers. Local individuals who might be interested in helping are Sam Hanson, Wyatt Hanson or Greg Kolstad. But, because beavers are not worth much and because everyone is busy, it might be difficult to find somebody willing to invest the time. Further, if the beavers are causing problems (flooding, cleaning out trees, etc) then Cody Krause (701-650-7281) with the USDA Wildlife Service may be contacted.

Larson indicated that he believes most of the Warsing Dam beavers have now been eradicated.

ND SWC Dam Inventory Survey: Peterson informed the Board that he forwarded to SWC information regarding the Eddy County low-head dams.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District: Larson summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on June 18, 2019 at Cobblestone Inn in Devils Lake, North Dakota. One topic of interest was that the Steele County Water Board Attorney is researching whether or not a Water Board can "turn over" or relinquish to an adjacent landowner the Water Board's interest in a dam located upon the landowner's

property. The next regular meeting will be in August in Carrington, North Dakota.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on June 12, 2019 at the Ramsey County Courthouse. The East-end and West-end Devils Lake pumps are running. The Devils Lake Basin Advisory Committee will continue to run those pumps until Devils Lake elevation reaches 1448 feet at which time pump operation will be further considered. The 2020 budget was submitted and is about the same as 2019. The legislative update was provided. Finally, the summer Devils Lake Basin Tour was well attended, hosting approximately 40 people. The next meeting of the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board will be held on July 17, 2019 at the Ramsey County Courthouse at 8:00 AM.

New Business:

2020 Budget: The Board reviewed the previous year's income and expense along with the 2018 and 2019 approved budgets. Reis made a motion to submit the following budget request to the Eddy County Commission:

Insurance	\$ 500.00
Dues	\$ 4,500.00
Engineering	\$10,000.00
Cleanouts and Misc Projects	\$10,000.00
Per Diem	\$10,000.00
Secretary/Legal	<u>\$17,500.00</u>
Total	\$52,500.00

Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 6, 2019 at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman