

# MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

July 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on July 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Monty Schaefer, Mike Tweed, Kenny Reis, and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present was the following Eddy County landowners: Doug Skadberg and Kris Skadberg.

The minutes of the regular June 2, 2020 meeting were presented. Tweed made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special June 2, 2020 meeting were presented. Reis made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Schaefer made a motion to approve. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

Peterson informed the Board that Peter Larson is owed mileage and stipend for the January 2020 meeting. Peterson prepared the voucher for Larson but it requires Larson's signature. Reis made a motion to pay Larson contingent on Peterson's receipt of the signed voucher. Second by Schaefer. Motion carried.

Peterson presented an invoice from Tammy Roerich for secretarial services related to the Rocky Run Joint Water Board in the amount of \$103.08 (Eddy County's share). Reis made a motion to pay. Second by Tweed. Motion carried

Budgets for 2021 are due to the County Auditor by July 15, 2020. The Board discussed the 2021 budget. The following budget request was agreed upon:

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>\$15,000.00</u>
Total	\$50,000.00

Tweed made a motion to authorize Peterson to sign the budget request and submit the same to the County Auditor. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

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

## **Old Business:**

**Colvin Township Beavers:** Tweed informed the Board that the beaver dams have been blasted by Cody Krause of the USDA. Tweed was impressed with the work done. Peterson informed the Board that Krause stopped at Peterson's office with a Cooperative Service Field Agreement that Peterson signed

on behalf of the Eddy County Water Resource District. Krause informed Peterson that the dams required three blasts rather than four as original anticipated. USDA will submit a bill for services rendered.

**Rosefield Dam Matter:** Peterson presented two alternative agreements: 1) Maintenance and Repair Agreement; and 2) Bill of Sale. Those agreements were discussed. Peterson is waiting to hear from attorney Sean Fredrickson to learn whether the State Water Commission allowed Barnes County to use a similar Bill of Sale for a dam located on private property in Barnes County. Related to this matter, Schaefer informed the Board that he received a call in mid-June from Aaron Carranza of the ND Office of the State Engineer. Carranza informed Schaefer that future work on the dam will require a construction permit because the OSE deems the work to be extensive. No action taken at this time regarding either of the draft agreements. Rather, the Board will wait further information regarding Barnes County's use of a Bill of Sale and Schaefer's decision as to whether or not to pursue a construction permit. There was also discussion between Schaefer and Kris Skadberg regarding pursuit of a construction permit and the opportunity for the parties to discuss the scope of any future dam project.

**New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** No new information regarding the draft letter from GDCD to US Bureau of Reclamation. Tweed did inform the Board that the next GDCD meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2020.

**Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board:** No update. Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 9 am. Schaefer will be the new Eddy County representative on this Board.

**Devils Lake Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the June 17, 2020 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 8 am.

**Sykeston Dam:** Schaefer inquired whether any information had been received regarding the study of the Sykeston Dam and overflows into the Rocky Run. Neither the Board nor Peterson have received any information in this regard.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 4, 2020 at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Kenneth Reis, Chairman