

# MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

March 6, 2018

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on March 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Michael Tweed, Kenny Reis, Peter Larson and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were Eddy County Landowners, Monty Schaefer and Kris Skadberg.

The minutes of the February 9, 2018 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 Certificate of Deposit #74723 matures on March 9, 2018. The rates and terms offered by Bank Forward were discussed. Reis made a motion to renew the Certificate of Deposit for six (6) months at the rate of 1.0%. Second by Larson. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Various correspondence was reviewed.

## **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:** Peterson informed the Board that the OSE issued a letter on February 12, 2018 in response to Monty Schaefer's January 12, 2018 request for hearing. In summary, the OSE believes it has met or exceeded its statutorily required duties with respect to the Skadberg appeal and also provided courtesy surveying services to the Water Resource District in an effort to aid implementation of the OSE's appeal decision. This being the case, it appears that the OSE does not intend to take any further action regarding this matter.

Peterson informed the Board that he began completing the Application/Notification to Construct or Modify a Dam (SFN 51695). However, because engineering services may be required, Peterson also contacted Daren Peterka at Interstate Engineering and inquired about Interstate Engineering's ability/interest to assist with this project. Peterka indicated he would be agreeable to meet with the Board. The Board requested that Peterson coordinate a date and time to meet with Peterka to discuss this matter.

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

Reis did express concern about the fact that culverts have been purchased and the proposed installation under the road into Rue's farm. Reis questioned what data was relied upon to make this decision. Reis also has concerns about whether there is room in the road immediately west of his place to accommodate the 72" culvert that is to be moved from the Kittleson location to the Reis road. Reis also has concerns about building up the road immediately west of his farmstead and who will pay the costs of those road improvements. Finally, Reis has concerns about the impact these larger culverts will have on the Texas crossing one mile east of his place. Ultimately, Reis thinks this series of improvements justifies appropriate engineering and that it may be likely that a box culvert may be required in the road immediately west of his place and that the Texas crossing one mile east of his place may need to be improved to a concrete crossing. It was the consensus of the board that these concerns should be addressed at the upcoming annual Rocky Run meeting.

**Rocky Run:** The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held at 8:00 AM on March 13, 2018 in Fessenden at the KTL Building. The Board requested that Peterson attend.

**Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed attended the last meeting held on February 21, 2018 at the Pizza Ranch in Carrington. Barr Engineering will conduct a public input meeting on March 20, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Ostby Hall in Sheyenne. This meeting is to discuss and review the project that Barr Engineering was hired to complete on behalf of the USRJWRB. This meeting is one of a series of public input meetings. The next regular meeting of the USRJWRB is scheduled for March 21, 2018 at 9:00 AM in Valley City at the Eagles Club.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** There has been no meeting since the last Eddy County Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018 at the Ramsey County Courthouse.

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Tweed gave a brief update. The current Devils Lake elevation is 1,449.6 feet. It is believed that the outlets have reduced the elevation by 9.5" in 2017. Tweed also mentioned that meeting location alternatives for the USRJWRB may be the meeting room of the New Rockford GDCD building and/or the conference room(s) at the Carrington GDCD building. The next GDCD meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2018.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board will be held on April 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman