

# MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

March 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on March 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Kenny Reis, Michael Tweed, Peter Larson and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer; Eddy County landowners, Monty Schaefer and Kris Skadberg.

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Reis made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. 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:** The February 12, 2019 letter from Schaefer's attorney, Bennett Johnson, and the February 25, 2019 response from Dan Gaustad were reviewed. Schaefer informed the Board that the reason for the letter was: 1) Schaefer was informed by the OSE that any application for permit to construct or modify a dam would be denied and that denial would trigger the requirement for an evidentiary hearing at which Schaefer would have an opportunity to present all his evidence; and 2) to put the Board on notice that Schaefer will eventually be seeking a cattle crossing across the Rosefield Slough/Oak Creek Drain to access the westerly portions of his pasture. Schaefer also indicated he had been in touch with Senator Joan Heckaman and Representative Dennis Johnson to inform them of the actions taken by the State Water Commission. Schaefer indicated that Representative Johnson forwarded Schaefer's concern to State Water Commission Board Member, Michael Anderson. Schaefer and Anderson have also now discussed the matter and it is Schaefer's understanding that Anderson intends to discuss the matter with John Paczkowski, Assistant State Engineer, OSE.

**Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board:** Larson summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on February 20, 2019 at the Chieftan in Carrington. Business included officer elections and the hiring of a new secretary, Candy Hess of Lakota. Ben Varson and Charlene Varnson were given pay raises. Section 319 grant opportunities for areas north of the Baldhill Dam were discussed. The final Barr Engineering Upper Sheyenne River Corridor Erosion and Sediment Risk Assessment was discussed. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on March 20, 2019 at the Eagles Club in Valley City.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on January 23, 2019. Rolette County is seeking to withdraw. The Board continues to work to update the Devils Lake Basin Management Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Ramsey County Courthouse.

**Rocky Run Joint Water Board Annual Meeting:** Peterson reminded the Board that the annual meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM in New Rockford at the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District building.

## **New Business:**

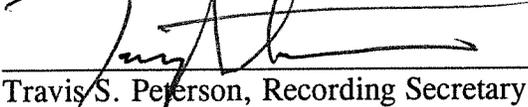
**Ag Tile Drainage Design Workshop:** Larson attended a Tile Drainage workshop on February 26, 2019 in Devils Lake. It was an informative meeting. The workshop qualifies Larson for continuing education as required by ND

law.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 2, 2019 at 9 AM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

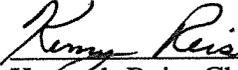
Respectfully submitted,



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Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



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Kenneth Reis, Chairman