

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
May 5, 2020

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on May 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Mike Tweed, Kenny Reis, and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present was the following Eddy County landowners: Monty Schaefer; Doug Skadberg and Kris Skadberg.

The minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Reis made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Tweed. Motion carried.

There were no April meeting minutes because the meeting was cancelled as a result of COVID-19.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Tweed made a motion to approve. Second by Reis. Motion carried. Reis made a motion to void check #870 in the amount of \$50 payable to Transcript Publishing; and replace it with check #873 in the amount of \$25. Second by Tweed. Peterson explained that the original \$50 invoice was for the Eddy County Commission advertisement seeking applicants for a new water board member. The \$50 invoice was not the Water Board's to pay. The \$25 invoice was for the annual Rocky Run Meeting notice and properly payable by the Water Board. After discussion, motion carried.

Tweed made a motion to pay Eddy County's 30% share in the amount of \$720 to Foster County Water Resource Board for asphalt and trucking to build up a road and prevent water from running into Kelly Creek. This work was done in the fall of 2019. Reis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Rosefield Dam Matter: Monty Schaefer was present and curious about the status of a maintenance agreement between the Water Board and himself. Peterson had not worked on it yet but hopes to before the June meeting. Monty also asked if the Board had a preference of which maintenance and repair plan he pursues. In summary, Schaefer's two proposals are: 1) an engineered solution; or 2) maintenance and repair without engineering. Schaefer prefers maintenance and repair without engineering. After discussion, the Board was generally agreeable with the maintenance and repair without engineering. Schaefer indicated that he hopes to do the work as conditions allow, but August and/or September is anticipated.

Colvin Township Beavers: Tweed indicated he thought the water was still too high to begin trapping. It was agreed that Peterson should contact the trapper and remind him that the Water Board still desires his services.

Superior Township Culverts: Reis indicated that township supervisors met with Todd Weber (Eddy County Road Supervisor) on site and looked at the three culverts. The township board will monitor and discuss further with Todd Weber.

New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District: Tweed indicated that there have been discussions again about cross culverts and/or drains in the New Rockford Canal near Highway 281 in Eddy County. The issues go back many years (see for reference Eddy County Water Resource District letters to US Bureau of Reclamation on August 6, 2014 and January 6, 2015). Tweed indicated that the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District will be moving equipment from McClusky to Stump Lake. With GDCD equipment passing through the area, there may be an opportunity to have work done on the canal in Eddy County. Tweed made a motion to have Peterson send a letter to the US Bureau of Reclamation requesting that drains be installed directly into the canal to alleviate water pooling and pressure in the area of the New Rockford Canal and Highway 281. Second by Reis. After discussion, motion carried. In this regard, Tweed indicated that Peterson should contact Duane DeKrey for details about who this letter should be sent to.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District: No update was available regarding the March or April meetings. There is no May meeting scheduled. The next scheduled meeting is June 16, 2020 at 7 PM in Devils Lake in conjunction with the Devils Lake Basin Tour.

Devils Lake Joint Water Resource Board: Tweed summarized the business conducted at the April 8, 2020 meeting. The meeting consisted of a brief conference call. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020. Tweed is unsure if the May meeting will be in person or by conference call. The Devils Lake Basin Tour is scheduled for June 17, 2020.

New Business:

Culverts in Eddy/Benson County Line East of Hamar: Tweed informed the board that three of the four culverts in the county line east of Hamar have deteriorated and require improvement. Problems include collapsed ends, rusting out, and washing out. Benson County has apparently paid for replacing one of the culverts. It is possible that the Eddy County Water Board may hear more from either Benson County or Freeborn Township. No action required currently.

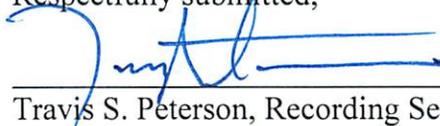
Doug Skadberg/Culvert Concerns: Tammy Roehrich, on behalf of the Rocky Run Joint Board, emailed Peterson a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of culverts in 61st Ave NE and 62nd Ave NE. According to Roehrich's email that accompanied the analysis, the Rocky Run Joint Board determined that this is an Eddy County Commission issue. Peterson forwarded the analysis to Patty Williams, Eddy County Auditor, and provided a copy to the Eddy County Water Board members. No action taken.

Revisions to Oak Creek Drain Operating Plan: Tammy Roehrich, on behalf of the Rocky Run Joint Board, provided Peterson a copy of proposed revisions to the Oak Creek Drain Operating Plan. The revisions concern operation in the area of Kittleson Crossing. Copies were provided to the Eddy County Water Board. According to Kenny Reis, he, Doug Zink and Paul Skadberg met previously and approved the revisions on behalf of the Rocky Run Joint Water Resource District. The revisions concern operation in the area of Kittleson Crossing.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 2, 2020 at 9 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

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Kenneth Reis, Chairman