

# MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

November 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on November 13, 2017 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Michael Tweed, Peter Larson, Kenny Reis and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Eddy County Landowner, Monty Schaefer, was also present.

The minutes of the October 3, 2017 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. Tweed made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Larson. Motion carried. Mike Tweed indicated that he intends to attend the ND Water Convention and Irrigation workshop held in Bismarck on December 6-7, 2017. Reis made a motion to pay Tweed's \$200 registration fee. Second by Larson. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Various correspondence was reviewed. Except as otherwise stated herein no specific action required.

## **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:** Schaefer was present and provided the Board an update. Schaefer has had email correspondence with Aaron Carranza, PE, SWC/OSE. The SWC/OSE survey crew made a site visit and conducted the bathymetric survey of the Rosefield Slough. According to Carranza, it may be January before the SWC/OSE report/study is issued.

**Foster County Complaint regarding Kittleson Crossing:** A letter, dated October 5, 2017, from Matthew Lindsay, PE, SWC/OSE was reviewed. The Board also discussed the Joint Rocky Run Special Meeting held on October 13, 2017. At that special meeting, Eddy County and Wells County voted against culvert improvements proposed by Foster County. Based on Well County's vote against culvert improvements it would appear Wells County is backing off its complaint. Doug Zink, on behalf of Foster County, indicated he would contact SWC/OSE for a determination on Foster County's appeal. Peterson also informed the board that Tammy Roehrich contacted his office seeking documentation in support of the customary 60/30/10 split regarding payment of bills. Peterson indicated he would attempt to again locate that documentation to provide to Roehrich. It was also suggested that Peterson request from Roehrich copies of the draft minutes resulting from the September and October special Joint Rocky Run meetings.

**New Rockford Canal/Garrison Diversion Conservancy District:** Tweed informed the Board that the next executive meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2017. Tweed also indicated that he would start providing regular briefings of GDCD business and meetings.

**Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board:** Larson summarized the business conducted at the October 18, 2017 meeting held in Carrington. Larson informed the Board that its annual dues will increase significantly. The method of calculation will remain the same but, because land values have increased, annual dues will be approximately \$2,064/year (up from approximately \$894/year). Other topics discussed included Fargo and Minot flood control and water supply to Fargo. Finally, Larson informed the Board that the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board approved a study of erosion/sedimentation within the Upper Sheyenne River Basin. The study will be conducted by Barr Engineering at a total cost of \$62,500. Approximately

\$26,000 will come from the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource Board and the remaining funds will come from the Section 319 program in Griggs County.

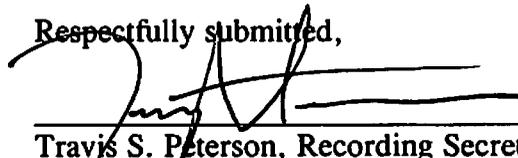
The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on December 5, 2017 at the Ramkota in Bismarck in conjunction with the annual winter convention. Larson indicated he was not likely to attend. Tweed indicated he would make an effort to attend.

**Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board:** Tweed summarized the business conducted at the last meeting held on November 8, 2017 at Ramsey County Courthouse. Tweed asked whether Peterson paid the 2017 dues. Peterson indicated he had not because he has not received an invoice. Peterson indicated he will contact Jeff Frith and request an invoice. Tweed also informed the Board that the 2018 Devils Lake Basin tour is scheduled for June 20, 2018. The details of the tour are yet to be determined. Tweed informed the Board that the Devils Lake outlets/pumps were shut down on October 30, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for 12:00 PM on December 7, 2017 at the Ramkota in Bismarck in conjunction with the winter convention.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board will be held on December 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Kenneth Reis, Chairman