

MINUTES OF THE EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

October 1, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eddy County Water Resource Board was held on October 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse. Present were Kenny Reis, Peter Larson and Travis S. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were the following Eddy County landowners: Kris Skadberg and Monty Schaefer.

The minutes of the September 3, 2019 regular meeting were presented. Reis made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Larson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Larson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Warwick Dam Beavers: At 9:05 AM Larson, Reis and Peterson went upstairs to meet with the Eddy County Commissioners to discuss the Warwick Dam beaver situation. Todd Weber, Eddy County Road Superintendent, indicated that the Federal Trapper has been working the area and believes he has trapped most of the beavers. It is recommended that the existing beaver dams be removed, to the extent possible. The Federal Trapper is authorized to use explosives to accomplish this. The Federal Trapper anticipates it may take three or four detonations at \$200 each. The Eddy County Commission requested that the Water Board cover these costs. Larson made a motion that the Water Board authorized the Federal Trappers removal, to the extent feasible or possible of the remaining beaver dams at a cost range of \$600 to \$1,000. Second by Reis. Motion carried.

Doug Skadberg/Monty Schaefer/Rosefield Dam Matter: Schaefer was present and indicated that he continues to work with Daren Peterka of Interstate Engineering to come up with a repair and maintenance plan. As a result of the ongoing and significant rains, no work will take place this fall. July of 2020 may be the first opportunity to begin working the dam and spillway. In any event, Schaefer plans to begin the repair and maintenance work as soon as conditions permit. In the meantime, the Water Board and Schaefer will work to come up with an acceptable maintenance agreement.

Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District: There has been no meeting since the last Eddy County Water Board meeting.

Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board: Due to the absence of Mike Tweed, there was no update.

New Business:

Rocky Run: A special meeting was called and held at 8 am on September 27, 2019 at the Sykeston Fire Hall. Operation of gates within Emerick Drain and Oak Creek among other things were discussed.

At about 9:30 AM the water board telephonically joined a joint meeting between the Foster County Water Board, the Wells County Water Board and the Wells County Commission. Foster County Water Board

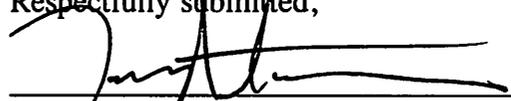
members Doug Zink and Paul Skadberg expressed concern and frustration regarding lack of appropriate gate operation after the September 19 and 20 rain. Kenneth Reis agreed. Wells County indicated they would try and do better in the future. Skadberg and Zink indicated that a formal complaint would be forthcoming and that action must be taken to remedy the situation in order to prevent a repeat.

Cody Lura Culvert Concerns: Peterson received a call on September 30, 2019 from Cody Lura. Cody expressed concern over the capacity and sizing of the culvert(s) east of his farmstead and located in County Road 16 (62nd Ave). Peterson informed Lura that because the culvert(s) is located in county road it is likely a county commission issue. While Peterson and Board Members Larson and Reis were meeting with the county commissioners, Peterson mentioned this issue to the Eddy County Commission. The commissioners indicated that culvert sizing was reviewed at the time of the county roads 16 overlay a couple of years ago. County engineers at that time indicated that the culverts were sized appropriately.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 5, 2019 at 10 AM in the Eddy County Courthouse.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis S. Peterson, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Reis, Chairman