



MEETING LOCATION:
WEST RIVER ELECTRIC
3250 SD HWY 44.
Rapid City, SD 57703
Phone: (605) 394-2685

AGENDA
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- November 19, 2014

ADMINISTRATIV/MANAGEMENT ITEMS

- Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds
- End of Year Report
- Travel Request – Pierre SD Rural Water Conference

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Canyon Lake – Tim Rogers
- Strategic Planning

NEW BUSINESS

- Dakota Habitat & Conservation Video Project
- Policy 27: Staff Performance Evaluations

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER: The West Dakota Water Development District convened for their regular board meeting at West River Electric, 3250 SD Hwy. 44 Rapid City, SD. Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. Roll Call was taken, directors present were : Foster Sawyer (District 1) Dan Richer (District 2), Orland Paulsen (District 3), Lavern Koch (District 4) Robert Akers (District 5), Tim Rogers (District 6), Chuck Jasper (District 7), Sandra Beshara (District 8), Steve Hasenohrl, (District 9). A quorum was declared present. Staff Present: Denise Livingston, manager. Guests present: Gardner Gray, Larry Mann, Tina Mulally, George Ferebee, Gena Parkhurst, Joanne Noyes, Dan Driscoll, Jeanette Deurloo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Jasper seconded by Richer to remove new business item: Policy 27. Roll call vote was taken with Directors Jasper, Richer, Beshara voting in favor, Directors Akers, Hasenohrl, Koch, Paulsen, Rogers, Sawyer voting against. Motion failed.
Motion by Sawyer, seconded by Hasenohrl to move Public Comment up in order to accommodate guest Gardner Gray to speak on Uranium mining. Motion passed with Richer voting against.
Motion by Sawyer seconded by Koch to approve agenda as amended. Motion passed with Jasper and Richer voting against.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Hasenohrl seconded by Paulsen to approve the November 19, 2014 minutes as amended. Motion passed with Jasper abstaining since he was not present for the entire meeting and Beshara abstaining since she was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Gardner Gray expressed his concerns regarding the proposed uranium mining in Fall River County. After discussion by the directors and other guests, a request was made for informational reports at the January meeting reflecting both sides.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds: Director Paulsen moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$8037.86 and the transfer of funds necessary for payment seconded by Beshara. Motion passed unanimously.

End of Year Report: Manager Livingston gave a preliminary end of year report on the FY14 budget and current financial standing. No action was taken.

Travel Request: Moved by Sawyer seconded by Koch to approve travel request for Manager Livingston to Pierre for the SD Rural Water Conference, water development districts' sponsored legislative breakfast and other meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes –Posting Policy: Motion by Beshara seconded by Richer to post notice of meeting in the paper with statement indicating the audio will be posted on our website within 5 business days and the draft minutes will be made available on our website within 10 business days. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Canyon Lake: Chairman Rogers gave update on Canyon Lake restoration progress and sediment removal funding. No action taken

Safety Benefits Improvement Recommendations: Manager Livingston presented the Safety Benefits recommendation report to the board for questions. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Dakota Habitat & Conservation video Project: Information was provided to the board regarding the proposed

project. Mr. Randy Stratton, project lead, said he could be available for the January meeting. This item was moved to the January agenda.

Policy 27: Staff performance Evaluations: Chairman Rogers and Director Akers agreed to review the evaluation forms and provide report to board in January to use for contract review. Chairman Rogers will also investigate legal issues reviewing a contract employee.

SDRC&D Annual Conference attendance/reimbursement: Moved by Richer seconded by Jasper to disapprove attendance reimbursement. Motion passed with Director Koch opposing.

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS: Director Koch introduced the discussion of the proposed legislation by the Watershed Task Force to create River Basin Natural Resource Districts. Mr. Dan Driscoll, USGS, and Larry Mann, citizen, provided more information. Discussion was held.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC: George Ferebee voiced his concern against sending manager Livingston to SD Rural Water Conference, expressed his opinion on precedence set by WDWDD in regards to just addressing bills at December meeting, expressed his belief that Director Sawyer had conflict of interest regarding voting for the hydrology conference speaker funding at November's meeting and the briefly discussed EPA Clean Water Rule (WOTUS Rule), but did not propose any action.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:20pm Director Akers moved to adjourn Paulsen seconded. Motion passed.
Next meeting will be January 21, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rogers, Chairman