



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

AGENDA
Wednesday, July 23, 2014
2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- May 21, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds

OLD BUSINESS

- Black Hills RC&D membership
- Canyon Lake Restoration- Director Rogers
 - Depository
 - brochure
- Trinity Eco Prayer Park
- Spring Creek 319
- Rapid Creek 319 –
 - Define project scope
 - Hire consultant

NEW BUSINESS

- 2015 Budget
- Policy change- Director Richer
- Didymosphenia geminate funding request

REPORTS

- Overview of USGS Gaging Station Program – Joyce Williamson
- Regional Groundwater Flow Model Report – Dan Driscoll
- Manager's report

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting and budget hearing September 17, 2014



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 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: Dan Driscoll, Joyce Williamson, Larry Mann, Lyndell Peterson, George Ferebee, Dave Johnson, Joanne Noyes, Tina Mulally, Jeanette Deurloo.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Hasenohrl, seconded by Akers to approve the agenda with the addition of allowing Chairman Rogers to make announcement immediately after approval of agenda. Vote: Passed unanimously.

Chairman Rogers announced the Board of Water and Natural Resources, at their June meeting, awarded a loan grant package to the City of Rapid City for the East Rapid City Water Expansion project that will bring safe quality drinking water to at least 700 people. Chairman Rogers also recognized Denise Livingston for her work with the benefiting communities and the application process.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: MOTION BY HASENOHRL SECONDED BY SAWYER TO APPROVE THE May 21, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion passed with Richer opposed and Jasper abstaining since he was not present for the entire meeting.

George Ferebee objected that the public did not get a chance to comment after a motion was made. Mr. Ferebee's concern was that in the May meeting he stated an objection that he was not allowed to comment on an \$80,000 contract. Chairman Rogers said his objection would be noted in the minutes. Chairman Rogers entertained a motion to re-approve the May minutes with Mr. Ferebee's objection noted. Richer moved and Beshara seconded to approve May minutes with the addition of the objection. Motion passed with Jasper abstaining.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds Robert Akers, \$105.11 Sandra Beshara, \$100.00 Kenneth E. Jasper, \$104.29 Lavern E. Koch, \$119.17 Orland Paulsen, \$106.66 Dan Richer, \$120.35 Tim Rogers, \$107.70, Steve Hasenohrl, \$101.11 RCAC, \$13298.00 Tout Advertising, \$116.07 Rapid City Journal, \$184.24 New Underwood Post, \$52.64 USGS, \$25,510, Catherine Haverman, \$500.00 SD Public Assurance Alliance, \$2141.51



Motion by Jasper seconded by Hasenohrl to transfer funds for the payment of the above listed bills.

July Financial Report: The board reviewed the July financial report. No action was taken. The report will be placed in the District's files.

OLD BUSINESS

Black Hills RC&D membership: Motion by Koch seconded by Jasper to approve \$100 membership for 2014. BHRCD manager Dennie Mann discussed how BHRCD is a valuable partner on water related projects in the Black Hills area. Motion passed unanimously with Director Beshara volunteering to sit on the board as West Dakota's representative.

Canyon Lake Restoration (District 6)- Chairman Rogers gave a status report on funding for the sediment removal of Canyon Lake. At this time the City has approved seeking State grant funds. However, funds to be collected from local sponsors need to have a depository. Chairman Rogers proposed West Dakota be the depository of funds. Moved by Beshara, seconded by Jasper to set up separate account for all Canyon Lake, tax deductible funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Trinity Eco Prayer Park(District 8): Motion by Hasenohrl seconded by Koch to approve \$25,000 for the maintenance of the Trinity Eco Prayer Park. Discussion was held by the directors regarding the service agreement drafted by Director Richer. The floor was opened to public comment. Citizens Tina Mulally, Janet Duerloo, spoke in opposition of funding the Eco Prayer Park. Citizens Larry Mann and Denise Livingston spoke in support of the project with Mr. Mann reading the mission of Water Development District and giving his opinion that the park project is very much in line with the mission.

A roll call vote was taken. Directors Sawyer, Akers, Koch, and Paulsen voting in favor. Directors Beshara, Hasenohrl, Jasper, Rogers opposed. Director Richer abstained stating he wrote the agreement.

Further discussion was held and the board elected to send the matter back to a subcommittee to draft a MOU. Subcommittee members: Rogers, Sawyer and Koch.

Spring Creek 319 Move by Beshara seconded by Jasper to take no action at this time. Discussion was held regarding sending a letter to the County voicing concern over West Dakota's selection for representation on the 319 board being denied. George Ferebee voiced concern over Denise Livingston's active participation on the 319 representing West Dakota board. Motion to take no action at this time passed.

Rapid Creek 319 : Moved by Sawyer seconded by Jasper to approve agreement between Northwater Consulting and West Dakota for assistance with coordinating Rapid Creek 319 support, developing project scope, and develop an RFP. Contract amount not to exceed \$5500. Motion passed with Director Akers and Beshara opposed.



NEW BUSINESS

2015 Budget: A budget memo and draft budget was presented to the board. Manager Livingston provided information on changes and justification of numbers. Livingston asked the board to take this opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. September 17 will be the Budget hearing and will need board approval at that time in order to meet the October 1 deadline. No action taken.

Policy change- Director Richer presented his draft on the Directors' use of title and letterhead. Moved by Jasper seconded by Paulsen to approve policy change. Motion passed unanimously.

Didymosphenia geminate funding request: Dr. Kunza was unable to be present for today's meeting. This item will be on September's agenda.

REPORTS

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE GIVEN WITH NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

Overview of USGS Gaging Station Program – Joyce Williamson

Regional Groundwater Flow Model Report – Dan Driscoll

Manager's report-Denise Livingston

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

Chairman Rogers asked the directors for input on the amount of funding to put towards the Trinity Park project. The majority of the board believed a one-time contribution for \$25,000 would be ideal.

Director Jasper inquired about a bacteria lab in Rapid City for the Dakota Water Watch program. Discussion was held regarding the Dakota Water Watch program and needed volunteers for bacteria labs.

Director Richer asked for clarification on Spring Creek representation at the next Spring Creek 319 meeting. Directors Rogers and Sawyer expressed the view that West Dakota should withdraw completely from the Spring Creek project. Jasper moved and Beshara seconded to have Denise Livingston attend Spring Creek meetings without participating on board. Roll Call vote was taken. Directors Akers, Hasenorhl, Jasper, Koch, Paulsen and Richer voted in favor. Director Beshara, Sawyer and Rogers opposed. Motion passed.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

George Ferebee voiced complaints against an "Open Meeting" brochure being out of date. Mr. Ferebee said Ms. Livingston acted inappropriately by representing West Dakota on the Spring Creek 319 task force board. He demanded to know Ms. Livingston's educational background that classified her as an "environmental professional".

Larry Mann expressed concern over the board's focus on wide ranging issues that don't help fulfill the District's mission and would hope that the board would give consideration on refocusing the nature of discussions.



ADJOURNMENT – 5:25PM DIRECTOR JASPER MOVED TO ADJOURN AKERS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

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