



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

**AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**  
**2:00 P.M.**

The Chairman requires meetings be conducted in a civil manner. There shall be no references to personalities, no personal attacks, no interruptions. A member of the public may speak after recognition from the chair. Please silence cell phones. Consequences for failure to comply with these and other rules of decorum will result in removal from the meeting.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- September 17, 2014

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds
- 2015 Meeting Schedule

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Rapid Creek Clean Water Initiative
  - Request Pennington County Support
- Update on Canyon Lake – Tim Rogers
- Spring Creek – WDWDD position on SC 319
- Dakota Water Watch flyers- Richer

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Western SD Hydrology Conference - Request for Keynote speaker funding \$4000 – WSD Hydrology
- Strategic Planning

**REPORTS**

- Manager's report

**ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS**

**ITEMS FROM PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT <http://youtu.be/XyCVhkLzzEo>**

**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) left meeting at 2:35pm, Steve Hasenohrl, (District 9). Directors absent: Sandra Beshara (District 8), A quorum was declared present. Staff Present: Denise Livingston, manager. Guests present: Dr. Kelli McCormick, SDSMT and several members of the community.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Richer to move both ‘New Business’ items to January. No one seconded. Chairman Rogers stated indicated the strategic planning item was not a voting issue and that we had a guest present to speak on behalf of the hydrology conference. Motion by Sawyer, seconded by Hasenohrl to move new business item Hydrology Conference above administrative items out of respect for our guest Dr. McCormick. Motion passed unanimously.  
Motion by Hasenohrl, seconded by Jasper to approve with amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Motion by Sawyer seconded by Paulsen to approve the September 17, 2014 minutes. Motion passed with Jasper abstaining since he was not present for the entire meeting.

**Western SD Hydrology Conference** - Request for Keynote speaker funding in the amount of \$4000 by Dr. Kelli McCormick, SDSMT representing hydrology conference planning committee.  
Motion by Richer, seconded by Jasper to postpone until January. Director Jasper stated his concern being that 4/5 of the board will be gone and wasn't comfortable committing the future board to such an expense. Roll call vote was taken with Akers, Hasenohrl, Jasper and Richer voting in favor. Koch, Paulsen, Rogers, Sawyer voting against. Tied vote. Sawyer gave notice of intent to reconsider.  
Discussion continued. Paulsen asked what year's budget it would come out of. Manager Livingston directed attention to the financial standing report reflecting \$180,000 of unobligated funds. Manager Livingston asked to speak. Livingston stated that the current board still has an obligation to the water district's mission and their constituents regardless if they are leaving the board at the end of the year.  
Motion by Jasper, seconded by Richer to defer to next meeting. Roll call vote taken with Hasenohrl, Jasper Richer voting in favor. Sawyer, Rogers, Paulsen, Akers and Koch voting against. Motion failed.  
Motion by Sawyer seconded by Paulsen to approve funding in the amount of \$4000 for the 2015 Western SD Hydrology conference. Roll Call vote was taken with Sawyer, Rogers, Koch, Paulsen, Akers voting in favor. Hasenohrl, Jasper, Richer voting against. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds:** Director Sawyer moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$19,333.46 and the transfer of funds necessary for payment. Motion passed with Director Richer opposed.

**2015 Meeting Schedule:** Motion by Richer seconded by Jasper to move to January agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Rapid Creek Clean Water Initiative:** Manager Livingston gave report on meetings held October 21. Northwater Consulting presented project proposal to County Commissioners and to the community of Caputa. Property owners in Caputa were in great support of the project recognizing a severe need for water quality and quantity issues in lower Rapid Creek. Livingston requested board approval to seek support from Pennington County and

then seek support from Rapid City. Director Koch and Akers also expressed the Caputa community members were very interested in pursuing resolution to the water quality in Rapid Creek.

Community member Tina Mullaly informed the board that the community members she spoke with were confused and wants on record there is another point of view out there. (For accuracy on Mullaly's comments please access audio recording 39:55)

Motion by Koch, seconded by Paulsen to seek County's support. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Spring Creek :** August 13, 2014 Chairman Roger's, at the request of the board, sent a letter to the County inquiring as to how WDWDD can best serve the Spring Creek project. In a reply letter, the County voiced confusion on WDWDD position on the Spring Creek project. Various WDWDD board members have spoken out against the project and in 2013 WDWDD discontinued funding. The County asked for clarification on West Dakota's position. Discussion was held with the issue being moved to the January meeting.

**Dakota Water Watch flyers:** Director Richer discussed how we need to increase public awareness on the DWW program such as PSAs. Manager Livingston commented that we need to have a brochure as well that focuses more on DWW in the Black Hills.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Strategic Planning:** Chairman Rogers introduced a strategic planning concept of water quality issues out there that we are addressing or should be addressing in the coming year(s) including: Build Partnership with City, County, and other entities, Rapid Creek Clean Water Initiative, Spring Creek 319, Canyon Lake Sediment Removal, Rapid Creek Didymo, Dakota Water Watch, Important studies with USGS and School of Mines.

#### **REPORTS**

Manager Livingston informed the board of the September 'Loss Control' review with WDWDD insurance SDPAA . Improvement recommendations were provided by SDPAA. SDPAA requires a response within 60 days. Livingston will have a report ready for board approval at December's meeting.

The Board of Water and Natural Resource meeting held Nov. 6. WDWDD application for the State Water Plan for was denied since a category for the project already existed on the State Water Resource Management System. The board's recommendation for the SWRMS application is to expand the scope to the entire State in the amount of \$250,000.

Other information in the manager's report: Information link to proposed watershed legislation to be considered in 2015, minutes from partnering entities and the draft Statewide Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Strategic Plan

**ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS:** Discussion was held regarding board packets for incoming board members.

**ITEMS FROM PUBLIC:** Mr. Moss stated he looks forward to working with the board next year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 4:02pm Director Richer moved to adjourn Paulsen seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be December 17, 2014

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Hasenohrl, Secretary