



Draft minutes of the January 21, 2015 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 Ken Moss (District 1) Dan Richer (District 2), Mike Mueller (District 3), Robert Akers (District 5), Tim Rogers (District 6), Ken Steinken (District 7), Sandra Beshara (District 8), Jeannette Deurloo, (District 9) **Left meeting at 5:57pm** Absent: Lavern Koch (District 4). A quorum was declared. Staff present: Denise Livingston, manager. Others present: Chuck Jasper, Dave Johnson, Brandon Quiett, Dave Holland, Jay Gilbertson, Joanne Noyes, Foster Sawyer, Richie Nordstrom, Dr. Alvis Lisenbee, Gardner Gray, Bruce Ellison, Rebecca Leas, George Ferebee, Carol Ferebee, Susan Henderson.

Chairman Rogers gave a brief report on the milestones and successes of West Dakota Water Development District in 2013-14.

Election of Officers: Chairman Rogers turned the meeting over to Manager Livingston for the election of Board Chairman. Election was held by ballot. Councilman Nordstrom and Chuck Jasper volunteered to vet the ballots.

Officers elected for 2015 are as follows: Jeanette Deurloo (Chairperson), Ken Moss (Vice-chair), Mike Mueller (Secretary), Dan Richer (Treasurer). Motion passed unanimously.

The following reports were presented:

- Rapid Creek Clean Water Initiative – Dave Holland, Northwater Consulting. Director Mueller and Akers will work with Northwater
- City of Rapid City Storm Water Program – Brandon Quiett
- Uranium Mining in the Black Hills – Mark Hollenbeck, Powertech
- Uranium Mining in the Black Hills – Clean Water Alliance, Bruce Ellison

Administrative Items:

Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds: Moved by Rogers, seconded by Beshara to approve. Motion passed with Richer opposed.

Moved by Rogers seconded by Richer to approve the following three items:

Authorization for Financial Review

Designation of Official Newspapers retaining Rapid City Journal, Hill City Prevailor, New Underwood Post.

Designation of Depository - Black Hills Community Bank

Motion passed unanimously.

2015 Meeting Schedule – Moved by Richer seconded by Mueller to move meetings to the second Tuesday of every other month and hold at 6pm to encourage more community involvement. Motion passed with Director Akers opposed.

Hydrology Conference Registration – Moved by Richer seconded by Steinken to approve registrations for the hydrology conference and continue policy that a director must reimburse the district if they register but do not attend. Motion passed unanimously.



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Selection of Legal Counsel – Moved by Richer seconded by Moss to enlist the assistance of Chuck Jasper to draft a scope of work and the RFP for selection of legal counsel. Motion passed with Director Rogers opposed.

Old Business:

Manager Review: Discussion was held regarding the feasibility and necessity of performance review of Manager Livingston. It was determined that Director Rogers and Akers will continue to serve on the review committee and chart the next steps.

Canyon Lake Weed Control netting: Moved by Moss seconded by Akers to approve \$10,000 of the previously allotted funding for the Canyon Lake project to be used for weed control

Dakota Water Watch: Director Richer gave an update on the status of using Fire Departments as a possible bacteria sampling lab. At this time no fire departments have ‘volunteered’.

Discussion was held regarding the East and West Dakota Water Watch brochure and the two estimates for printing. Moved by Rogers seconded by Akers to print 100 DWW brochures using Copy Country. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Vermillion’s Budget: Discussion was held on the various water development districts and their operations, management services, employment, budget for administration/management services. It was determined that this issue needs a more in-depth discussion with more detailed information from the other districts and board involvement of what the current board sees as the direction of the district and how best to fulfill that vision. Mr. Jay Gilbertson offered to help coordinate and conduct a special meeting. Meeting tentatively scheduled to be held February 19, 2015 1:30 – 5pm

Youth in Science Rapid City: Denise Livingston, representing youth In Science Rapid City, Inc asked the board to consider sponsoring the 2015 one-day Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math event. Moved by Rogers, seconded by Akers to give \$500 for the event. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from Directors: Mueller requested name plates for the directors. Manager Livingston will create the cards for the next meeting.

Mueller also voiced concern over the previous board’s decision to fund the Trinity Eco Prayer Park.

Items from the Public: George Ferebee reminded board members that they are public servants and did not believe the board should have funded Youth in Science or the Trinity Eco Prayer Park.

Moved by Beshara seconded by Steinken to adjourn at 6:34pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mueller, Secretary