



Draft Minutes for meeting on **August 8, 2017**

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CALL TO ORDER: The West Dakota Water Development District convened for its regular board meeting at West River Electric, 3250 SD Hwy. 44 Rapid City, SD. Chairperson Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Deurloo gave an opening prayer. Directors present: Dan Bjerke (District 2), Mike Mueller (District 3), Nathan Gjovik (District 4), Robert Akers (District 5), Robert Williams (District 6), Ken Steinken (District 7), James Bialota (District 8), Jeanette Deurloo (District 9).

Director(s) absent: Kenn Moss (District 1). A quorum was declared.

Administration present: Emily Martinez (Administrative Manager), Leon Ewert (Parliamentarian).

Others in attendance: David Bender (US Geological Survey), Joyce Williamson (USGS), Mary Kenner (citizen), Barry Muxen (Clean Water Alliance / Dakota Rural Action), Seth Tupper (Rapid City Journal), Melissa Smith (National Weather Service), Dustin Willett (Rapid City/Pennington County Emergency Management), Jeff Olson (Black Hills Fly Fishers), Tim Bjork (BHFF), David Hanna (BHFF), Glenda Williams (citizen), Joanne Noyes (SD Geological Survey), Bill Eldridge (USGS), Jason Phillips (SD School of Mines & Technology), Ritchie Nordstrom (citizen), Trudy Severson (citizen), Tracy Downs (citizen), Kim Haug (citizen), Michael Goodard (citizen), Bruce Meister (citizen), Gena Parkhurst (citizen), Galen Hoogestraat (USGS), David Miller (citizen), Kevin Woster (SD Public Broadcasting), Cory Foreman (citizen), Cheryl Rowe (citizen).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Bjerke to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Chair Mueller called for a vote to approve minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting. Motion passed 8-1. Gjovik opposed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Akers presented the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Bialota and seconded by Williams to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE POLICY SUBCOMITTEE

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Bialota to investigate WDWDD loaning money for water projects. Motion failed 7-1. Bjerke, Williams, Moss, Gjovik, Deurloo, Mueller, Steinken opposed.

USGS STREAMFLOW GAGING STATIONS FUNDING (Second Vote) – RENEWED MOTION

Moved by Steinken and seconded by Bjerke to continue to grant \$14,785 to fund the operation and maintenance of Castle Creek and Rhoads Fork streamflow gages from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 for the Dakota Water Science Center Water Resources Investigations project as outlined in the Joint Funding Agreement submitted by USGS.

Directors Gjovik, Bialota, Williams, Bjerke and Akers offered their opinions on whether or not to continue funding the stream gauges.

Chair Mueller opened the floor to those in attendance to speak. Members of the public including Williamson, Miller, Hanna, Kenner, Rowe, Willett, Olson, Smith, Phillips and Parkhurst offered their input.

Deurloo called for the question. Motion to end discussion passed 6-2.

Bjerke asked for a roll call vote on the motion to continue stream gauge funding. Motion passed 5-3. Gjovik, Bialota and Williams opposed.

2018 BUDGET HEARING AND APPROVAL

Chair Mueller declared the 2018 Public Budget Hearing open. Mueller asked directors if they had any projects to add to the budget.

Akers proposed \$20,000 to begin the process of helping approximately 15 residences on Neva Way, which are located outside the Rapid City limits, to tie in to the Rapid City water line which runs by Neva Way. Akers stated he lives on Neva Way. Gjovik expressed concern about funding the project since Akers lived in the area that would benefit from the funding. Project added to proposed budget.

Directors agreed to remove Youth and Science from 2018 proposed projects and to notify them that they would not automatically be included in the 2018 budget. Project removed from proposed budget.

Steinken proposed \$2,000 for YFS Creek Freaks and other community groups or schools to purchase resources to assist them in conducting water science activities or to support other water-related public education or outreach projects. Project added to proposed budget.

Bjerke asked that the proposed budget reflect the motion to continue funding of the USGS stream gages at Castle Creek and Rhoads Fork by adding a line including \$14,785 for the gages under 2018 Proposed Projects. Project added to proposed budget.

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Bjerke to approve budget as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mueller commented on why he switched his vote on stream gauge funding.

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

Gjovik expressed concern about the tone and content of the email he received from Martinez and H2E president Chris Ewert on July 21 in response to his objections to the July 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes. He stated that it is not a contractor's job to lecture him on professional courtesies.

ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION - None

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC – The floor was opened to the public.

Bill Eldridge asked what the best way is to contact directors. Directors can be reached directly by using the emails provided at www.westdakotawater.com or by contacting the WDWDD office at 605-394-2685 or administration@westdakotawater.com.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Steinken, Secretary