



Approved Minutes for **March 14, 2017**

*An audio recording is available for this meeting.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNa6MTw638Q&feature=youtu.be>)*

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 6:02 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Deurloo gave an opening prayer. Directors present: Kenn Moss (District 1), 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: none. A quorum was declared.

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

Others in attendance: Galen Hoogestraat (US Geological Survey), Glenda Williams (Citizen), Joyce Williamson (USGS), Joanne Noyes (SD Geological Survey), Barry Muxen (Clean Water Alliance) and Bill Eldridge (Citizen).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chairman Mike Mueller asked to change Item 10 from States Attorney, to Attorney General’s office. Moved with change by Moss and seconded by Deurloo to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Gjovik to approve minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting with corrections as provided by the secretary with removal of word “legal.” Motion passed unanimously. Final corrected version of the minutes is available at westdakotawater.com

Moved by Steinken and seconded by Akers to approve the correction of the minutes for the December 13, 2016 meeting concerning the submission of director vacancy petitions as provided by Ewert after listening to the recording of the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Bjerke, Williams, Biolata, Gjovik abstained. Final corrected version of the minutes is available at westdakotawater.com

AMENDED 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Moss to accept amended 2017 meeting schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

Akers and Ewert presented the Treasurer’s Report. Ewert reported that WDWDD received an unexpected distribution of \$2,133.26 from the state bank franchise tax.

Moved by Bjerke and seconded by Deurloo to continue discussion of Black Hills Multiple Use Coalition 2017 membership dues payment until May meeting.

HILL CITY PROJECTS

Moved by Moss and seconded by Deurloo to defund Hill City Drainage (\$30,000) and Hill City Dump Station (\$20,000) projects from the 2017 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT FUNDING SCORESHEET

Gjovik presented for consideration a scoring sheet to be used to assist in the process of determining whether or not to fund proposals received by WDWDD. Discussion followed on how to use the tool.

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Steinken to use an amended form of the scoresheet (Change Criteria 1 – replace “involvement” with “mission.” Eliminate Criteria 6 – “Director determination of need”) as an individual director’s tool on trial basis for four meetings. Motion passed 8-1. Akers opposed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

Mueller reported that Matt Naasz with the Attorney General’s Office would not offer a legal opinion on the appointment of Area 6 and 8 Directors at the January meeting. He recommended contacting a private attorney. Mueller decided to not proceed without getting board approval to spend funds to engage WDWDD’s counsel Sarah Frankenstein for an opinion. Mueller reported that the individual who sent an angry email after the January meeting did not contact him after he provided his cell phone number to discuss his concerns. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

USGS CANYON LAKE/RAPID CREEK STUDY PROPOSAL

USGS hydrologist Galen Hoogestraat presented “Water Quality Monitoring of Canyon Lake, 2017-2018” proposal.

- Proposal in March 14, 2017 Board Packet at <http://www.westdakotawater.com/pdf/2017/20170314%20Board%20Packet.pdf>.
- Video presentation of proposal from meeting available at <http://www.westdakotawater.com/pdf/2017/Canyon%20Lake%20Presentation.pdf>.

USGS requests WDWDD provide \$20,000 annually for two years to be matched with \$10,000 annually from USGS for a two-year project total of \$60,000.

The proposed project has two objectives. First, document any changes to Canyon Lake water quality that may occur during dredging. Second, assess the amount of sediment, nutrient, and bacteria loading that occur within Canyon Lake. This project will help gauge success of an individual dredging event at achieving improved water quality. The study will also provide data that may help develop management strategies for the beneficial uses of Canyon Lake which include domestic water supply, coldwater permanent fish propagation, immersion and limited contact recreation. Additionally, it may help determine if waterfowl management strategies are warranted for Canyon Lake.

Moved by Bjerke and seconded by Williams to approve the request for funding of \$40,000 to the USGS over a two-year period ***TO BE PAID IN QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS***. Motion passed 8-1. Gjovik opposed. Second vote of approval for funding will be held at May meeting.

ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ewert reported that the SD DENR Water Rights program approved WDWDD Future Use Water Permit No.1443-2 for 10,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Missouri River at the hearing on March 1. The permit is for seven years. Ewert will send the check for the permit fee of \$895.00.

Ewert reported that WDWDD Policy 14 requires two signatures for checks over \$2,500, but that banks no longer check both signatures. Several directors commented that requiring two signatures on larger checks serves as a useful internal precautionary measure. No action taken.

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Bjerke to approve \$300 for another microphone and additional cables as requested by Ewert to facilitate quality recording of WDWDD board meetings to achieve the goal of making the meeting recordings available to the public. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC – The floor was opened to the public. Joyce Williamson commented on upcoming Hydrology conference.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Steinken, Secretary