



Draft Minutes for meeting on **January 8, 2018**

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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 6:00 p.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Deurloo gave an opening prayer. Directors present: Kenn Moss (District 1) *attended by phone*, 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.

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

Others in attendance: Bill Eldridge (US Geological Survey), Glenda Williams (citizen), Barry Muxen (Clean Water Alliance / Dakota Rural Action), Steve Harper (citizen), Kathy Stephens (citizen), Joanne Noyes (SD Geological Survey), Thomas Mack (citizen), Jason Phillips (SD School of Mines & Technology), Cheryl Rowe (CWA / DRA).

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Moved by Gjovik and seconded by Williams to approve minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

Akers presented the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Bjerke to approve report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Mueller turned the meeting over to Ewert to conduct election of officers for 2018. Moved by Gjovik and seconded by Bialota to nominate Mueller as chairperson. Receiving no further nominations Ewert entertained a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Bialota. So moved by Deurloo and seconded by Gjovik. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mueller and seconded by Gjovik to nominate Bialota as vice-chairperson. Receiving no further nominations Ewert entertained a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Bialota. So moved by Gjovik and seconded by Deurloo. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Gjovik and seconded by Bjerke to nominate Akers as treasurer. Receiving no further nominations Ewert entertained a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Akers. So moved by Bjerke and seconded by Gjovik. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Akers to nominate Steinken as secretary. Steinken declined. Moved by Mueller and seconded by Bjerke to nominate Deurloo as secretary. Receiving no further nominations Ewert entertained a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Deurloo. So moved by Williams and seconded by Akers. Motion passed unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF MEETING SCHEDULE AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

2018 Meeting schedule - Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Bialota to approve proposed 2018 meeting schedule as presented in board packet. Motion passed unanimously.

Designation of official newspapers - Moved by Bjerke and seconded by Deurloo to designate Rapid City Journal, Hill City Prevailor and New Underwood Post as the official newspapers for posting WDWDD legal notices. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE (Continued)

Bialota reported that he did not have the county review the language of the proposed policy to make sure it was workable from the county's perspective due to "personal history" with Register of Deeds Donna Mayer's husband. He asked for someone to accompany him. Deurloo volunteered to join him. Mueller asked the agenda item be continued to the next meeting.

SDSM&T ANALYSIS OF RAPID CREEK, PACTOLA AND DEERFIELD RESERVOIR – 2ND VOTE

SDSMT professor Scott Kenner offered additional information and answered questions concerning the grant proposal. He reported that Black Hills Fly Fishers had approved \$5,000 for the project and that the City of Rapid City had not made a decision about the project funding request for \$25,000. Kenner reported that the project would benefit taxpayers by developing better tools to manage Rapid Creek for drinking water supply and recreation.

Deurloo called for the second vote to approve funding for the "Deerfield, Pactola and Rapid Creek Systems Analysis Modeling Project" as presented by Kenner with priority given to a highly qualified South Dakota graduate student. Motion passed 8-1. Bialota opposed.

GREEN ROOF RESEARCH – 2ND VOTE

Phillips fielded several questions about the grant. A discussion followed about who would own the equipment that WDWDD funds would purchase for the project.

Deurloo called for the second vote to approve funding as proposed by Phillips for the Rapid City Regional Airport Green Roof Research Project. Motion passed 6-3. Bialota, Gjovik and Akers opposed.

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

Uranium letter

Martinez reported that she had distributed the letter written by Bialota to all directors shortly after the December meeting. Several directors stated they had not received the letter. Martinez offered to resend it to all directors.

Administration Hire

Ewert reported that the Administrative Manager Request for Proposal had been advertised by all means that had been outlined in the December meeting. He noted that questions about the proposal are due by February 1 and that the deadline for submitting proposals is February 15.

Address Change

Steinken read a letter notifying the board that he is moving to a new residence that is outside of Area 7 which he represents so that the board can initiate the process to find an eligible individual to serve in his place. He stated he was willing to continue to represent voters of Area 7 (where he has lived for 38 years) until a suitable replacement has been installed. *(A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.)*

ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ewert stated that he would post the Area 7 Director vacancy by the means and publications outlined by WDWDD policy.

Martinez announced that she would be giving a report to the board in March on the Rapid Creek pathogenicity study that H2E is conducting for WDWDD.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cheryl Rowe requested a copy of the uranium letter that Bialota prepared for the directors.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Steinken, Secretary

January 8, 2018

Dear Directors,

After living nearly 39 years at the same residence in West Dakota Water Development District Area 7, my wife and I are moving to a new home. Although the new address is just a bit more than a mile from our current location, it will not be within the Area 7 boundaries.

Since I will no longer be living in Area 7 I am notifying the WDWDD board of my move, so the board can initiate the appropriate process to find an eligible individual to serve in my place and represent the voters of Area 7.

In order that the voters of Area 7 are represented in the interim, I am willing to continue to serve on their behalf until such time that a suitable replacement has been installed. I feel that my decades of living in Area 7 have equipped me to continue to perform that task in spite of living at a new location. The reality is at this point in time I feel more connected to the old neighborhood and more informed about its issues than I do the new one.

I regret the timing of the move as it prevents me from fulfilling my responsibility to complete the 4-year term for which the voters of Area 7 elected me. It is something I did not foresee when I ran for this post four years ago.

Respectfully,



Ken Steinken

Secretary and Area 7 Director

West Dakota Water Development District