



Approved Minutes for **July 14, 2015**

An audio recording was not made for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: The West Dakota Water Development District convened for its regular board meeting at VFW Post 1273, 420 Main St., Rapid City, SD. Chairperson Deurloo called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and giving an opening prayer. Directors present: Kenn Moss (District 1), Dan Richer (District 2), Mike Mueller (District 3), Lavern Koch (District 4), Robert Akers (District 5), Tim Rogers (District 6), Ken Steinken (District 7), Sandra Beshara (District 8), Jeannette Deurloo, (District 9). A quorum was declared. Others in attendance: Joanne Noyes, George Ferebee, Dan Driscoll, Jay Gilbertson, Ron Bengs, Keith Lau, Tina Mulally, Scott Liecht, Norm Tschetter, Craig Fischer, Larry Diebert, Mick Blumer, Chris Ewert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved by Beshara and seconded by Richer to approve the agenda with a change to move Hisega Meadows presentation to follow approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Moved by Richer and seconded by Moss to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- May 12, 2015

Hisega Meadows Water, Inc. presentation - Mick Blumer introduced attendees associated with HMWI which serves 196 curb stops. Blumer made a preliminary presentation concerning proposed Phase 3 improvement. The group did not ask for a grant at this time but intends to submit a request at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval for payment of bills - Rogers moved and Moss seconded to pay bills as presented by Treasurer Richer. Motion carried. Richer opposed

Bills and banking policy update - Treasurer Richer reported on implementation of new policies for payment of routine bills, which included setting up auto-pay and a debit card account. Richer also added, as directed by the board, a Committed Funds sub-account to reflect money committed to projects but not yet disbursed.

Computer & software update - Secretary Steinken reported a new laptop computer that would meet WDWDD needs could be purchased for \$500 or less. Richer moved and Mueller seconded that Steinken purchase a new WDWDD laptop for not more than \$500. Motion carried. Akers opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Phone service update – Richer and Akers reported no progress had been made on transferring WDWDD phone number from the old office location to a new cell phone. Richer moved and Akers seconded to table further discussion until next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

New office update – Moss and Mueller reviewed options presented at previous meetings for office space on 6th St. and West Main St. Steinken introduced a new option located at 402 St. Joseph St in an office co-op building called The Garage. Rogers moved and Richer seconded that the committee move forward and make a decision to obtain an office. Motion carried.

Canyon Lake update – Rogers reported that due to high stream flows during the time that Canyon Lake was drained to rebuild the dam the project to remove weeds and sediment was unable to proceed as planned. An alternative has been proposed to buy a dredge that will be used to clean Canyon Lake and then be available to use in other area lakes, as well as future use at Canyon Lake as needed. Rogers will send an email report to directors as details for the proposed alternative become available.

RFP for legal counsel – To date no RFPs have been received. Board members were encouraged to help find candidates.

RFP for contractor – Chris Ewert president of H2E spoke about his company's proposal and answered questions. RFP candidate Darrell Rathke answered questions about his proposal via speakerphone.

NEW BUSINESS

Hisega Meadows Water project – SEE ABOVE

Hill City School drainage – Richer reported that the school district did not have a written proposal at this time.

Proposed 2016 budget - Treasurer Richer led a discussion based on a preliminary 2016 budget worksheet he prepared. He invited directors to suggest possible projects for inclusion in the budget.

Executive Session for Contractor RFP - Richer moved and Rogers seconded that the board hold an executive session. Motion carried. Steinken opposed. Rogers moved and Koch seconded to leave executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Contractor RFP action – Beshara moved and Moss seconded to resume regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Akers moved and Steinken seconded to accept H2E's proposal for one-year. Motion carried. Richer opposed.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC – Tina Mulally, who submitted an application for the WDWDD contractor position, asked to have the record note that she did not withdraw her application as Chair Deurloo had inferred earlier in the meeting. She also noted that she was not invited to interview for the position. Deurloo apologized for misrepresenting Mulally and confirmed that she was not invited to interview.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,