



Approved Minutes for **August 11, 2015**

An audio recording was not made for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: The West Dakota Water Development District convened for its special budget meeting at West River Electric, 3250 SD Highway 44, Rapid City, SD. Chairperson Deurloo called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and giving an opening prayer. Directors present: 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). Director absent: Kenn Moss (District 1). A quorum was declared.

Others in attendance: Joanne Noyes, Keith Lau, Scott Liecht, Norm Tschetter, Craig Fischer, Larry Diebert, Chris Ewert, Emily Martinez.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Beshara to approve the agenda with addition requested by Richer to include discussion of 2015 Supplemental Budget Requests following Approval for Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Approval for payment of bills - Rogers moved and Mueller seconded to approve payment of bills with addition of \$800 for office rent (one month rent plus one month deposit). Passed unanimously

B. 2015 budget supplemental - \$20,000 for DNA / Richer moved and Koch seconded to split the request for \$20,000 to conduct DNA testing on E. Coli found in Rapid Creek between the 2015 and 2016 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Computer & software update - Steinken will work with H2E to determine appropriate specifications for new laptop and software and to purchase such.

C. Phone service update - Richer moved and Mueller seconded to give up on original landline phone and get a pay-by-month phone with new number if necessary. Motion failed. Rogers moved and Steinken second to have H2E staff work with directors to investigate the best solution to get a working phone and number for the district as soon as possible. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Office location update - Steinken reported that the Office committee selected The Garage as the new location for WDWDD office. Rent is \$400 per month. The office address is 402 St. Joseph St. – Suite 6. H2E staff Emily Martinez announced that her official office hours at that location will be Tuesdays 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm and Thursdays 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. She said she would likely be in the office all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays and that she is also

available by appointment. Deurloo invited all to stop by and see the office. Steinken suggested an open house for the public at some point in the future.

E. Appointment of Parliamentarian - Richer moved and Mueller seconded that Leon Ewert of H2E be appointed as official parliamentarian for WDWDD meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. RFP for legal counsel - Chuck Jasper reported on the announcement that was posted in South Dakota state bar newsletter in June. He asked if the board wanted him to run it again in the September newsletter since no RFPs had been received. Rogers moved and Richer seconded to reopen the RFP with a deadline of August 21. Motion carried.

8. 2016 BUDGET APPROVAL

Richer invited Hisega Meadows Water representatives to offer a presentation. Member Larry Diebert circulated drawings for new structure designed to separate pumps and electrical components. He stated their goal is to make it safe and do it in phases. Richer reported that Director Moss suggested funding requests for the Hisega Meadows project be split between 2015 and 2016 budgets. Chair Deurloo appointed a committee of directors Moss, Rogers, Mueller and Deurloo to review a formal proposal from Hisega Meadows.

Treasurer Richer presented 2016 Proposed Budget and led an item-by-item discussion. Richer reported that the estimated 2016 taxes had been reduced from \$221,000 to \$210,000.

Richer moved and Rogers seconded to approve budget with changes including the reduction 2016 tax revenue to \$210,000. Motion carried.

Richer moved and Beshara seconded to print the approved Proposed 2016 Budget in the three officially designated papers, The Rapid City Journal, The Hill City Prevailor, and the New Underwood Post with a notice that the final approval will be at the October 13 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTORS

Director Rogers gave an update on the Canyon Lake project. WDWDD, SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources, SD Game Fish & Parks, City of Rapid City and Black Hills Fly Fisherman are working to come up with a new approach to reduce sediment and weed accumulation at Canyon Lake. Rogers will update the board on details of the plan as they become available.

Rogers reported that he would talk with H2E begin to set up plan for DNA testing of Rapid Creek.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chuck Jasper asked what would be the board's position on the dredging of Canyon Lake. Rogers explained that a process combining a vacuum system and bags to remove sediment is designed to

minimize the amount of stirred up material that would end up in downstream flows. He offered to make available a link to a video that demonstrates how the system works.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,