



Approved Minutes for **March 8, 2016**

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 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: Kenn Moss (District 1), Dan Richer (District 2), Mike Mueller (District 3), Robert Akers (District 5), Tim Rogers (District 6), Ken Steinken (District 7), Sandra Beshara (District 8), Jeannette Deurloo (District 9).

Director absent: Lavern Koch (District 4). A quorum was declared.

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

Others in attendance: Lisa Kunza (SDSMT), Jay Gilbertson (East Dakota WDD), Matt Davalos (SDSMT), Larry Deibert (Hisega Meadows Water), Mike Blumer (Hisega Meadows Water), Scot Licht (Hisega Meadows Water), Bill Eldridge (Citizen), Nathan Gjovik (Citizen), and Joanne Noyes (DENR Geological Survey Program).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved by Rogers and seconded by Beshara to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

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

- January 12, 2016

TREASURERS REPORT

2015 Annual Report - Moved by Richer and seconded by Deurloo to approve the 2015 Annual Report with the addition of the phrase “Professional Services” to the line reading “Legal” in Exhibit II. Motion passed.

Approval of payment of bills - Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Richer to pay ‘Bills Requiring a Vote’ as presented by the Treasurer. Motion passed.

NEWTON FORK CREEK – OLD DEERFIELD ROAD DISTRICT

Richer reported that the representative from the Old Deerfield Road District was unable to attend the meeting and that the group is talking with the Army Corps of Engineers about the possibility

of replacing the culvert damaged by the June 2015 flooding of Newton Fork Creek. Richer or a representative of the group will provide an update at the WDWDD May meeting.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PRESENTATION

Jake Davis of South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks narrated a slide presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota. Davis explained that GF&P defines 'Aquatic Invasive Species' (AIS) as those which are nonnative to SD and have a negative impact on ecosystems and/or human users. AIS have the potential to collapse existing food webs from the bottom up. GF&P is focusing on educating the public as regulations enacted in other states have not been effective in preventing the spread of AIS. More information about AIS in the state including interactive maps can be found at: www.sdleastwanted.com.

HISEGA MEADOWS WATER PROJECT (continued)

Mick Blumer of Hisega Meadows Water (HMW) provided an update of the Pump House Safety Upgrade project including a detailed 28-page plan with design sketches and photos.

Moved by Moss and seconded by Rogers for the second vote to approve a \$40,000 to Hisega Meadows Water for the Pump House Safety Upgrade with the stipulation that a legal agreement outlining the terms of the grant be signed by both parties. Motion passed. Akers opposed.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Moss to put \$20,000 in a contingency fund to be held for possible future expenses incurred by Hisega Meadows Water relating to the Pump House Safety Upgrade with the stipulation that any additional funds beyond the \$40,000 level would require a first and second vote for approval by the WDWDD board. Chair Mueller called for a roll call vote. Motion passed 5-3. Rogers, Akers and Steinken opposed.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Moss that the grant funds be given directly to HMW with agreement attached. Motion passed. Akers opposed.

HAWTHORNE DITCH - CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE VALLEY

Tina Mullaly asked questions about WDWDD's Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Grant Program for low income homeowners. Richer reported that since the program began in 2010 five applications had been received with only one being approved. Mullaly asked that a discussion of the grant program continue at the WDWDD May meeting to include a review of state low-income guidelines. Rogers suggested adding a stipulation to include a condition that would allow for grants for system failures caused by external environmental factors. Beshara emphasized the importance of keeping some income level requirement to prevent the program from being abused.

SDSMT REQUEST FOR FUNDS

SDSMT professor Dr. Lisa Kunza gave a presentation to request funds for a new research project “to examine water quality and nutrient dynamics in Rapid Creek relative to the abundance of *Didymosphenia geminata* present throughout the year.”

Moved by Rogers and seconded by Steinken to supply \$39,704 over two-year period for a research project to study the effects of Didymo on water quality and nutrient dynamics in Rapid Creek as proposed and presented by Dr. Kunza. Chair Mueller called for a roll call vote. - Motion passed 6-2. Deurloo & Moss opposed. A second vote for approval of funds will take place at the WDWDD May meeting.

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

Rogers recommended that the WDWDD Executive Committee discuss the Hawthorne Ditch issues at its meeting in April.

ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Rapid Creek DNA Sampling Plan – Martinez reported on a meeting with USGS, DENR, SDSMT and City to coordinate efforts on the DNA Sampling Plan. Constructive criticism received at the meeting will create minor changes in the plan include moving some sampling sites. Martinez will report on details after changes are made.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jay Gilbertson of East Dakota Water Development District gave a SD Legislative Session and Senate Bill 116 Update.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Steinken, Secretary