



Approved Minutes for 2017 Budget Hearing and Board Meeting held on **August 16, 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 and 2017 Budget Hearing 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 Richer (District 2), Mike Mueller (District 3), Lavern Koch (District 4), Robert Akers (District 5), Tonchi Weaver (District 6), Ken Steinken (District 7), Jeannette Deurloo (District 9).

Director(s) absent: Sandra Beshara (District 8). A quorum was declared.

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

Others in attendance: Joyce Williamson, USGS; Linda DeVeaux, SDSMT; Kelsey Murray, SDSMT; Chip Campbell, State Representative – District 35.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved by Richer and seconded by Weaver to approve the agenda with item 12 deleted and item 7 moved to 11. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Moved by Richer and seconded by Deurloo to approve minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT (Treasurer)

Approval of payment of bills:

Office Rental – Martinez reported that the The Garage lease is a multi-year lease at a rate of \$400/month with automatic renewal. The Garage requested that WDWDD approve continuation with a vote. Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Steinken to extend terms of multi-year lease at \$400/month for next year. Motion passed unanimously.

Midcontinent phone contract - Martinez reported that the renewal rate for phone service depended on the length of the contract: 1 yr = \$26/month, 2 yr = \$24/month, 3 yr = \$22/month, 5 yr = \$20/month. Moved by Weaver and seconded by Deurloo to change to a 5-year contract at \$20 / month. Motion passed unanimously.

Microphone - Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Richer to not spend more than \$350 to purchase a microphone to record meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

USGS STREAMFLOW GAUGES PROPOSAL

Joyce Williamson, USGS hydrologist in charge of stream gauging program, answered questions concerning the agency's request of \$16,900, an \$600 increase from the previous year, to continue the annual operation of two gauges (Castle Creek and Rhoads Fork). The request is for federal fiscal year 2017, which runs October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017. Williamson explained that gauges provide continuous data which is available online (waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis) and is used to make water resource management decisions.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Moss to fund \$14,600 of USGS Streamflow Gauge proposal. Chair Mueller asked for roll call vote. Motion failed, 4-4. Akers, Steinken, Koch and Weaver opposed.

Moved by Weaver and seconded by Deurloo to fund up to \$15,555 of USGS proposal to include changing Castle Creek to a seasonal gauge. Motion passed 6-2. Koch and Akers opposed.

RAPID CREEK DNA TESTING PLAN - SECOND VOTE

Moved by Richer and seconded by Moss to budget \$53,014 for DNA testing at four locations over a year period. Motion passed unanimously.

RAPID CREEK ADDITIONAL DNA ANALYSIS - SDSMT

Steinken asked Dr. DeVeaux to explain details concerning her request to fund pathogenicity analysis for water samples collected for the approved DNA study of Rapid Creek. DeVeaux explained that the approved study will determine the species source of e coli in Rapid Creek. The SDSMT study will determine the health risk, if any, associated with any e coli present in the creek.

Moved by Steinken and seconded by Richer to approve \$31,970 for proposed DNA characterization pathogenicity study as proposed by DeVeaux. Motion passed unanimously. Second vote will occur at next meeting.

DIDYMO STUDY BY SDSMT – SECOND VOTE

Dr. Lisa Kunza answered questions via telephone about the proposed didymo study that received first approval for funding at the March 8, 2016 meeting. Chairman Mueller requested a roll call for second vote to approve \$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. Motion defeated 7-1. Steinken in favor.

2017 BUDGET HEARING AND APPROVAL

Chair Mueller read Public Hearing Statement for the West Dakota Water Development District Budget. Richer presented 2017 Budget with adjustments based on input from board along with the adjustment related to the removal of the Didymo study.

Director Koch departed at 8:32 p.m.

Moved by Moss and seconded by Deurloo to approve the 2017 budget as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF TREASURER AND VICE CHAIR

Moved by Weaver and seconded by Steinken to elect Dan Richer as treasurer. Moved by Moss and seconded by Weaver to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Motion passed unanimously.

Richer nominated Moss for Vice-chair. Akers nominated Deurloo. Chair Mueller called for election by secret ballot. Parliamentarian Ewert counted ballots. Representative Campbell attested the count. Moss won 4-2 with one abstention.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mueller thanked Dan for his work on the budget.

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

Akers reported that the City of Rapid City had installed a city water line along 143rd St that crossed county property adjacent to 30 residences. Akers asked what the procedure is for the county residents to get connected to the city water line.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC – The floor was opened to the public. Representative Campbell spoke on behalf of District 35 to thank the directors for giving their time to serve on the WDWDD board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Steinken, Secretary