



Approved Revised Minutes for **December 13, 2016**

*An audio recording was not available 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 6:02 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Weaver 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), Sandra Beshara (District 8).

Director absent: Jeannette Deurloo (District 9). A quorum was declared.

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

Others in attendance: John Buhler (Hidden Valley Water Association), Bill Eldridge (Citizen), Barry Muxon (Clean Water Alliance), Elaine Karsky (Sheridan Lake Highlands HOA), Dan Bjerke (Citizen), Nathan Gjovik (Citizen), Joanne Noyes (SD Geological Survey), Galen Hoogestraat (USGS).

Director Deurloo arrived at 6:06 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Moved by Richer and seconded by Moss to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – Moved by Richer and seconded by Weaver to approve minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Richer presented the Treasurer's Report including a 2016 budget summary.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Moss to not pay the 2017 dues of \$500 and discontinue WDWDD membership in the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems. Elaine Karsky of Sheridan Lake Homeowners Association talked about the services and assistance SLHA had received from the association. Citizens Dan Bjerke and Nathan Gjovik spoke in favor of continuing the membership.

Moved by Moss and seconded by Richer to table the motion. Motion passed 8-1. Weaver opposed.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Weaver to not renew Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition membership. Parliamentarian Ewert advised that the motion was out of order since it did not appear on the agenda.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Steinken to add H2E staff Leon Ewert to the bank account effective January 1, 2017 to make fund transfers as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moss and seconded by Beshara to remove the 5-year audit requirement from WDWDD policy. Gjovik and Karsky, who is a CPA, recommended keeping the audit requirement. Motion failed 7-1. Moss in favor, Richer abstained.

Moved by Deurloo and seconded by Moss to close second WDWDD savings account ending in 2816 and transferring to 2136 as recommended by Treasurer Richer. Motion passed 8-0. Richer abstained.

Moved by Weaver and seconded by Beshara to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

Trevor Bryan of NeighborWorks presented on behalf of grant applicant Tom Vollmer who was not present. Moved by Richer and seconded by Koch to grant \$2,000 to Tom Vollmer to assist with repairing his non-functioning, out-of-compliance septic system at his residence in Green Valley. Motion passed 8-1. Steinken opposed.

#### **HIDDEN VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION (HVWA) GRANT REQUEST**

HVWA president John Buhler presented background information related to the association's request for an \$80,000 grant to be used for the repairs and replacement of the aging 16-tap water system. The board took no action on the request.

#### **SHERIDAN LAKE HIGHLAND HOA (SLH) GRANT REQUEST**

SLH secretary/treasurer Elaine Karsky presented background information related to the association's request for a \$2,000 grant to assist with the \$10,000 cost of an engineering study required for SLH to purchase the 25-tap water system from the private developer and a \$20,000 grant request to assist with the down payment toward the \$200,000 price of purchasing the water system.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Weaver to grant \$2,000 to cover 20 percent of the cost of the engineering study required for purchase of the SLH water system. Motion passed 6-3. Koch, Akers, Beshara opposed.

Moved by Richer and seconded by Weaver to grant \$20,000 to assist SLH with a down payment on a \$200,000 loan to purchase and upgrade the SLH water system. Motion failed. 5-4. Deurloo, Akers, Beshara, Koch, Moss opposed.

#### **CANYON LAKE DREDGING PROJECT UPDATE**

Martinez reported that the details of the Memorandum of Agreement for the purchase of a dredge and related materials between City of Rapid City, SD Game, Fish & Parks, WDWDD and Black Hills Fly Fishermen have been worked out and signed by all parties except SDGFP.

### **RAPID CREEK DNA TESTING UPDATE**

Martinez reported that samples for the study have been taken and submitted for November and December. USGS has offered to assist with shipping the WDWDD samples, which will save shipping costs.

### **COUNTY ORDINANCES**

George Ferebee requested that WDWDD consider submitting a request to Pennington County to amend zoning ordinance 34, which deals with permits to operate rural septic systems.

Moved by Beshara and seconded by Moss to sign a waiver to amend Ordinance 34.

Moved by Steinken and seconded by Deurloo to table discussion on motion to sign a waiver to amend zoning ordinance 34. Motion passed 5-4. Moss, Mueller, Richer, Weaver opposed.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair Mueller expressed his appreciation to directors, who were completing their service to WDWDD at the meeting: Koch (since 2003), Beshara (2011), Richer (2011) and Weaver (2016)

Director Koch departed at 8:47 pm

### **ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS**

Richer made recommendations for WDWDD to consider in the future: change from the current meeting schedule to monthly meetings; develop policies for consideration and approval of homeowner association water system grant requests; create a plan to move WDWDD funds to the county if River Basin Natural Resource districts become a functioning reality.

### **ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Persons interested in applying for director vacancies in Area 6 and Area 8 should submit completed petitions.

### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ferebee presented Director Beshara a potted plant and expressed his appreciation for her service on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Steinken, Secretary