

WEST DAKOTA WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2009

Members Present: James R. Hawke, R.J. Inskeep, Lavern E. Koch, Orland Paulsen, Dwight W. Peterson, J. Foster Sawyer and H. Edward Yelick

Guests Present: Dr. Michael Terry, SDSM&T; Brittney Hand and Aaron Olson, Pennington County Planning; Steve Schelske, Rapid City; Dan Driscoll, U.S. Geological Survey; Ev Hoyt, private citizen; and Eugene Solseth, Hills Septic Service

Staff Present: Blaise Emerson, Van A. Lindquist, and Lola Lincoln

In the absence of Chairman Holbrook and late arrival of Vice-Chairman Sawyer, Secretary Inskeep called the regular meeting of the West Dakota Water Development District to order at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

MEMBER YELICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD'S JANUARY 21, 2009 MEETING AS PRESENTED; MEMBER PETERSON SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

Progress Report Regarding Inlet and Outlet Gauging Stations in Spring Creek - Administrative Manager Emerson said this item had been placed on the agenda at the suggestion of Member Hawke, who requested that staff research what it would take to install a gauging station upstream from Sheridan Lake. In a conversation with Mr. Mark Anderson, USGS, he felt that the gauge at the Strato Bowl would be adequate as a downstream gauge and no additional downstream stations would be necessary. He also indicated an interest and maybe a cost sharing with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks for an upstream station.

Mr. Driscoll, USGS, said their report done in collaboration with Game and Fish on the subject was forthcoming in the next week or two and that, being cognizant of the potential need for an upstream gauge, Game and Fish had submitted a proposal to the Forest Service to look at options for managing such a gauge. It was his suggestion that, "...in terms of gauging processes, West Dakota ought to make sure Game and Fish is in a position to utilize that gauge this coming year before acting." Mr. Lindquist said, "It would be good if we reviewed not only the gauges that we support, but also what are those other gauges that we identified way back when as critical to being able to maintain the validity of the hydrology study." Mr. Driscoll said that could be done. He will be in touch with Mr. Ron Koth of Game, Fish and Parks (Rapid City Office) about attending West Dakota's May Meeting, and it was his feeling that as soon as they have received the aforementioned report, the process would move to a series of public meetings and then quickly go forward. Member Inskeep asked that this item be placed on May's Meeting Agenda as a report item.

Progress Report Regarding Canyon Lake Spillway Repairs - Mr. Schelske, Rapid City Public Works Department, reported that Rapid City had been able to stop the leaks in the spillway and that they had received a report from their consultant outlining three options regarding the spillway. The first option is rehabilitation, the second to replace with a similar structure, and the third to replace with a different structure with each option progressively more expensive. He said, "The status of the spillway right now

essentially is a matter of when we can come up with that money." A preliminary report has gone to Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin's Office as part of the stimulus package. When asked about dredging, Mr. Schelske said it was his understanding that West Dakota had pledged funds to help with sediment removal and it was the City's plan to use those funds but that it would be done during dam replacement, not during the current drawdown. It was his feeling reconstruction was at least two years in the future but that with the preliminary plans being available shortly, if the money became available, "...literally, we could go this fall if we had the money." At Member Hawke's suggestion, Messrs. Emerson and Lindquist will schedule a meeting with Mr. Robert Ellis, Rapid City Public Works Director, to stress the importance of sediment removal since it is a process that should be done every 10 years and it has already been 15 years since the last removal. They will also discuss a time frame for funds committed by West Dakota.

Omnibus Bill - Mr. Emerson reported that the Bill was passed and that West Dakota's application for SWRMS funds in the amount of \$65,000 for a microgravity project with the USGS was obligated this year although the funds will not be used until 2010. He said he and Mr. Lindquist would meet with Messrs. Anderson and Driscoll relative to the agreements necessary to formally put this into place, as well as looking at existing and upcoming agreements with USGS.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter of Support for Pennington County's Ordinance for On-Site Wastewater Systems - Mr. Emerson called attention to the letter of support included in the Board's packets, saying West Dakota had long been a strong supporter of this type of action.

MEMBER HAWKE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PENNINGTON COUNTY'S ORDINANCE REGARDING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE BY VICE-CHAIRMAN SAWYER; MEMBER KOCH SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Emerson reported that at a recent Public Works Committee Meeting at Rapid City, Public Works Director Ellis indicated the City was willing to work with whatever the County adopted in trying to mesh the regulations together so there would not be two separate regulations.

New Director Districts - Messrs. Emerson and Lindquist updated Board Members on this item saying work continued with the State to try and minimize as many changes as possible but that it would be very difficult with having to meet the five percent of population stipulation in each district. Staff requested the State to address the issue of having placed six directors into one district, but input has not yet been received. This item will be addressed again at May's Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Enhancement Proposal for Rochford - Dr. Terry reviewed briefly for Board Members the concept of laser scanning of three dimensional fracture analysis in the Rochford Quadrangle and presented his proposal for the work reporting that the cost would be \$10,900 to underwrite the study during the period June 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Member Inskip asked if this was one of the quadrangles that needed to be finished, to which Mr. Lindquist said "...it was probably one of the more complex ones and that the study was being treated as a pilot project and did not necessarily mean that all quadrangles would be done."

Regarding funding, Mr. Emerson said the Project Assistance Category balance was just under \$5,000 but that additional monies were available in the Capital Reserve Account (\$267,766), from which the additional \$5,000 plus could be drawn.

MEMBER YELICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL WITH THE SCHOOL OF MINES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,900 FOR THE ROCHFORD QUADRANGLE UTILIZING THE REMAINING DOLLARS IN THE PROJECT ASSISTANCE CATEGORY AND TAKING THE BALANCE OUT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND; MEMBER PAULSEN SECONDED.

After further comments,

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Lindquist asked Dr. Terry to have the agreement prepared and sent to West Dakota.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2009 Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference - Mr. Emerson reminded the Board about the Hydrology Conference scheduled for April 23rd advising that all Members would be registered as a way of supporting the activity.

Water Plan Applications - As an informational item, Mr. Emerson said two applications for state assistance had been received in association with the Midwest Assistance Program: Owanka Rural Water System southeast of New Underwood and Longview Sanitary District between Rapid Valley and the Rapid City Regional Airport.

Payment of Bills -

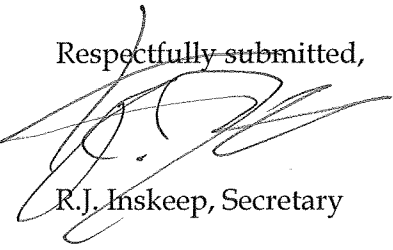
MEMBER PETERSON MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,645.54 AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS NECESSARY FOR PAYMENT; MEMBER HAWKE SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be May 20, 2009, at 2:00 P.M.

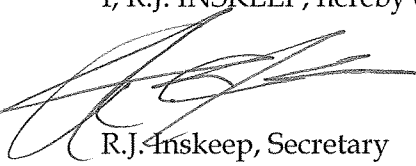
ADJOURNMENT

There being no formal motion to adjourn, the meeting concluded at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


R.J. Inskip, Secretary

I, R.J. INSKEEP, hereby certify that the minutes were sent to the *Rapid City Journal* as the official newspaper.


R.J. Inskip, Secretary

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