

WEST DAKOTA WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2012

Members Present: Sandra Beshara, Lloyd Booher, George Ferebee, Kenneth E. Jasper, Lavern Koch, Orland Paulsen, Dwight W. Peterson and J. Foster Sawyer

Members Absent: Gale Holbrook

Staff Present: Blaise Emerson, Ali DeMersseman and Lola Lincoln

Chairman Paulsen called the meeting of the West Dakota Water Development District Board to order at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Paulsen called for changes or additions to the Agenda.

DIRECTOR PETERSON MOVED TO THE AGENDA AS PRINTED; DIRECTOR SAYWER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Chairman Paulsen asked for questions or comments on the minutes as presented. Director Ferebee asked that the minutes for January 18th be changed regarding Director Holbrook's motion calling the question to continue with the Agenda to say that "*...he reminded the Board it required a two-thirds vote for the motion to pass.*"

DIRECTOR BOOHER MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S JANUARY 18, 2012 MEETING AS CORRECTED; DIRECTOR JASPER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR PETERSON MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S JANUARY 30TH MEETING; DIRECTOR BOOHER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Inasmuch as publication of meeting minutes is new to West Dakota, Administrative Manager Emerson asked whether Board Members wanted to publish them in draft form or after board approval. During discussion, the Directors decided to set the policy to publish minutes in draft form with the caveat they are subject to approval by the Board at its next meeting.

DIRECTOR FEREBEE MOVED TO PUBLISH WEST DAKOTA MEETING MINUTES AS SOON AS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE IN DRAFT FORM STATING THEY ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING; DIRECTOR KOCH SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

Pennington County On-Site Wastewater Inspection Ordinance - Mr. Emerson called attention to a letter from Pennington County Commission Chairman Lyndell Peterson asking that the West Dakota Board submit specific questions to the Commission in writing. After discussion, Board Members were asked to contact Mr. Emerson with specific questions. Upon receipt, he will draft a letter addressing the issues for the discussion and/or approval at Board's May 16th Meeting.

Spring Creek Watershed Advisory Group Meeting on January 21, 2012 - Ms. DeMersseman gave Board Members a brief update on the Group's progress. After discussion, Mr. Emerson said he would ask Justin Krajewski from RESPEC to make a presentation at the Board's next meeting on the monitoring aspect of the project, inasmuch as that is where West Dakota's funding was going.

OLD BUSINESS

Redistricting - Mr. Emerson called attention to his draft letter to Secretary Pirner about exploring the possibility of a special election. He said his feeling was that the response would be that a special election could not be held because people have already filed petitions. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was not to proceed further with this endeavor.

Memorandum of Understanding - Mr. Emerson called attention to his changes to the Memorandum as previously requested by the Board. Director Jasper reviewed his changes, and after discussion

DIRECTOR BESHARA MOVED TO REVISE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BLACK HILLS COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED CHANGES BY DIRECTOR JASPER AND MR. EMERSON AND TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN PAULSEN'S SIGNATURE; DIRECTOR PETERSON SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Water Sampling Program - Director Ferebee had proposed establishing this program at a previous meeting. He said he would like West Dakota to set aside a specific amount of dollars to pay for sampling should any of the Board Members care to do so. The general consensus of the Board was that guidelines and/or a protocol should be drawn up for presentation at the Board's meeting in May addressing sample gathering, the reason for sampling, location of sampling, associated costs, etc.

Director Beshara inquired about the proposed study on the Rapid Valley Regional Water Systems Study. Mr. Emerson said the main question during the last meeting held out there was whether Rapid City, Rapid Valley Water or Box Elder would be willing to provide water. As it stands now, it looks like Rapid City might do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Colonial Pine Hills State Water Plan Application - As is part of the process for projects within the District, this application was presented to the Board for review. Director Sawyer inquired as to whether or not West Dakota was being asked for assistance, and Mr. Emerson advised the Black Hills Council was helping Colonial Pine Hills with the funding application, and no request was being made of West Dakota.

ITEMS FROM DIRECTORS

None

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Legislative Audit's Approval of Audit Preparation - Mr. Emerson presented the Department of Legislative Audit's letter authorizing Catherine Haveman, CPA, to perform West Dakota's 2011 Audit.

2012 Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference - The agenda for this conference was presented to Board Members, and Mr. Emerson advised all were registered.

Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds -

DIRECTOR PETERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,082.02 AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS NECESSARY FOR PAYMENT; DIRECTOR SAWYER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director Ferebee then asked to revisit the Colonial Pine Hills State Water Plan Application, asking whether or not the Board should recommend its inclusion on the State Water Plan. After discussion,

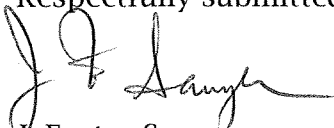
DIRECTOR SAWYER MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE COLONIAL PINE HILLS CROYLE/NONANNA FILTRATION SYSTEM PROJECT ON THE STATE WATER PLAN; DIRECTOR PETERSON SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

DIRECTOR BOOHER MOVED TO ADJOURN; DIRECTOR SAWYER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting concluded at 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Foster Sawyer
Secretary