

WEST DAKOTA WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2010

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

Members Absent: R.J. Inskeep

Guests Present: Aaron Olson, Pennington County, Jared Oswald, RESPEC and Joanne Noyes, South Dakota Geological Survey

Staff Present: Blaise Emerson, Denise Livingston and Lola Lincoln

Chairman Holbrook 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 PETERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 21, 2010 MEETING OF THE BOARD AS PRESENTED; MEMBER YELICK SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

Update on Spring Creek 319 Program - Mr. Oswald provided Board Members with an overview of this program centered on its background, water quality, temperature and sediment concerns, the lack of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nutrient standards, and bacteria concentrations. He said the 319 Grant is sponsored by Pennington County, with funds coming through the EPA to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), along with hard-dollar contributions from the Cities of Rapid City and Hill City, the Black Hills Area RC&D, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Black Hills Flyfishers. The first segment of the project covers the period June of 2010 through June of 2010, with \$100,000 having been received by DENR. Thirty (30) cost-share applications were received requesting a total of \$230,000 in funding.

He said development of an onsite wastewater treatment/storm water management plan was in progress to identify a 10-year strategic implementation plan, with the main concern being where to go first (upstream in Hill City with septic systems and/or the riparian projects).

A proposal for development of a volunteer monitoring proposal has been submitted to the National Forest Foundation, and an amendment to the DENR for an additional \$540,000 in 310 Program funds is due on October 1st for the December funding round for six livestock watering projects and another 35 septic system upgrades.

South Dakota Discovery Center 319 I & E Mini Grant - This grant would be used for educational efforts throughout the watershed and possibly the school systems, which is due November 1st. Mr. Oswald said Pennington County was looking for someone to sponsor the grant in the amount of \$15,000 with a 60/40 match, and concerning the match, he thought the 319 Project would be overmatched so no hard-match dollars would be required. After further discussion,

MEMBER YELICK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SPONSOR AN APPLICATION FOR THE 319 I & E MINI GRANT WITH THE REQUIRED MATCH DOLLARS TO BE COVERED BY 319 DOLLARS; MEMBER SAWYER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Support for Septic Installer - Mr. Olson reported that septic system installers would now have to be licensed through Pennington County in addition to the State of South Dakota, and the County's ordinance also requires eight (8) hours of additional training. Ms. Sara Heger from the University of Minnesota will be providing that training at a cost of between \$2,400 and \$2,600 for 50 to 75 installers. Mr. Olson asked for sponsorship of the luncheon by West Dakota in the range of \$300 to \$500. Inasmuch as this is a two-year program, Member Yelick wanted to be sure action by Board Members was only for this year.

MEMBER YELICK MOVED TO ASSIST IN THE SPONSORSHIP OF A LUNCHEON FOR THE UPPCOMING SEPTIC TANK INSTALLER SEMINAR BEING PRESENTED BY PENNINGTON COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500 AND THAT AT THE TIME OF ANY FUTURE SEMINARS, NEW ACTION WOULD BE REQUIRED SHOULD THE BOARD DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE; MEMBER HAWKE SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

West Dakota Water Development District Website - Ms. Livingston reviewed the various aspects of the website (westdakotawater.com) asking for comments, suggestions, etc. The website was well-received by Board Members. Mr. Emerson advised other sources of data would be explored for possible linking, and Member Sawyer suggested the Black Hills Atlas as one.

Campus West - Member Hawk updated Board Members on the Game, Fish and Parks building currently under construction, advising displays for the interpretive center were being planned. Messrs. Emerson and Hawk will meet with a local representative from Game and Fish to discuss potential displays and then get back to Board Members with an update at the November meeting of the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds -

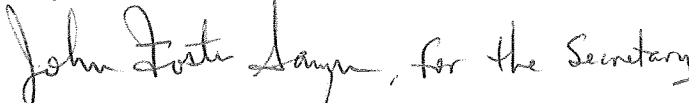
MEMBER KOCH MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,724.24 AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS NECESSARY FOR PAYMENT; MEMBER PETERSON SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next Meeting Date - The next meeting date will be November 17, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of a formal motion to adjourn, the meeting concluded at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of R.J. Inskeep, for the Secretary.

R.J. Inskeep, Secretary