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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2023

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:00 A.M. for its annual meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at the District Office in Huron, SD.

ROLL CALL: The following persons were in attendance:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dan Koupal – Mitchell (via ZOOM)  
Randy Stanley – Groton  
Mike Wiese – Aberdeen  
LeRoy Braun – Mellette (via ZOOM)  
Robert Braun – Aberdeen (via ZOOM)  
Dan Klimisch – Utica (via ZOOM)  
Pat Cerny – Yankton (via ZOOM)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Carol Millan – Mitchell  
Director Area 5 – VACANT

STAFF PRESENT

Judy Smoyer, CFO & Associate Manager  
Dave Bartel, District Manager  
STAFF PRESENT (via ZOOM)  
Shane Deranleau, Watershed Coordinator  
Rocky Knippling, Watershed Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Ted Dickey – NECOG, Craig Heller and Robert McGillvrey – City of Wolsey, Ivy Pazour – Spink Conservation District

OTHERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Lindsey Simon – South Brown Conservation District, Jean Fagerland – Marshall Conservation District, Tanner Clausen – DANR

OATH OF OFFICE: Directors Mike Wiese, Randy Stanley, and Dan Klimisch took the oath of office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Director Stanley, seconded by Director Cerny to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion passed.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Chairman Wiese asked if any Directors had a conflict of interest regarding any agenda item. No conflicts on current agenda items. The following is ongoing until otherwise disclosed:

- Director Robert Braun is currently employed by the City of Aberdeen
- Director Mike Wiese is currently a Brown County Commissioner
- Director Dan Klimisch is currently a Yankton County Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MINUTES: Motion by Director Cerny, seconded by Director Koupal to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion passed.**

**DIRECTOR AREA 5 VACANCY:** The board declared an upcoming vacancy effective January 1, 2023, at their September 8, 2022 meeting. No petitions were filed for the position as of January 19, 2023. The board will continue to accept nominating petitions until one or more are received. The Board will fill the vacancy by appointment at a subsequent meeting, provided that the petitions are received at least five working days prior to the meeting. The appointed Director will serve until December 31, 2026.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Board reviewed the November 2022 financial reports. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Cerny to approve the November 2022 financials as discussed and printed. **Motion passed.**

The Board reviewed the December 2022 financial reports. **Motion** by Director L. Braun, seconded by Director Klimisch to approve the December 2022 financials as discussed and printed. **Motion passed.**

**2022 TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The yearend financials indicate a need to transfer \$2,488.32 to the LEGAL AND CONSULTANT ACCOUNT from the CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Stanley to approve Resolution #2023-01. **Motion passed.**

**2022 CLOSEOUT:** The District needs to encumber 2022 financial obligations that remain unpaid; this will give the District spending authority for these items in 2023. The amount to carry forward is \$607,381.48. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director L. Braun to approve Resolution #2023-02. **Motion passed.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Chairman Wiese indicated that officers need to be elected for the office of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Judy Smoyer opened the floor for nominations for the Board Chair. **Motion** by Director Stanley, seconded by Director Koupal to nominate Director Wiese for Chair. **Motion** by R. Braun, seconded by Director L. Braun that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Director Wiese. **Motion passed.**

Chairman Wiese opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair. **Motion** by Director Stanley, seconded by Director L. Braun to nominate Director Millan for Vice-Chair. No other nominations received. **Motion passed.**

Chairman Wiese opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. **Motion** by Director Klimisch, seconded by Director L. Braun to nominate Director Robert Braun for Secretary. No other nominations received. **Motion passed.**

Director Stanley was appointed as the Treasurer. This will be revisited when Director Area 5 is filled.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2023 COMMITTEES:** Chairman Wiese appointed the following committees for 2023:

- Personnel Committee: Directors R. Braun (Chair), Koupal and Wiese
- Policy Committee: Directors Millan (Chair), Klimisch and Cerny
- Budget Committee: Directors L. Braun (Chair), Stanley and Wiese

**DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:** Director Klimisch would like to add The Courier (located in Freeman, SD) to the official newspapers of the District. **Motion** by Director Cerny, seconded by Director Koupal to designate the Aberdeen American News, Britton Journal, The Courier, Huron Plainsman, Mitchell Daily Republic, The Redfield Press, Yankton County Observer, and Yankton Press and Dakotan, as the official newspapers of the District. **Motion passed.**

**DESIGNATION OF LOCAL DEPOSITORY:** The District's current depository is with First National Bank in Huron, South Dakota. In addition, two signatures are needed to sign all checks, drafts, and other withdrawal orders for normal operations of the organization; all other matters of the organization are signed by two, one of which must be a Director. Discussion was held and recommended that in the absence of a local Director, all matters of the District will be signed by any two of the authorized signers on the accounts. Randy Stanley will be added as an authorized signer on the account and Frank Amundson will be removed as an authorized signer. **Motion** by Director L. Braun, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve Resolution 2023-03, designating First National Bank in Huron, SD as the District's local depository and that any two signatures be required for all matters of the District. Authorized signers on the account will be Judy Smoyer, David Bartel, and Randy Stanley. **Motion passed.**

**2023 TREE PLANTING SUPPORT TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS:** The District office received several letters from the local Conservation Districts for continued support to help producers within the District with tree planting efforts. Discussion was held regarding the merging of the South Brown Conservation District and the Brown/Marshall Conservation District into Brown Conservation District. **Motion** by Director Stanley, seconded by Director Cerny to authorize cost-sharing assistance to the Conservation Districts to help producers with tree planting efforts in the amount of \$142,500. **Motion passed.**

Beadle, Brown, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Marshall, Sanborn, Spink and Yankton Conservation Districts will be awarded \$15,000 each and Aurora Conservation District will be awarded \$7,500. With South Brown Conservation District and Brown/Marshall Conservation District merging, the board will consider additional funding if needed. These funds will expire on December 31, 2023.

**CITY OF WOLSEY – SEWER LINE PROJECT:** Representatives for the City of Wolsey were present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$50,000 for costs associated with replacing 1,480 linear feet of 15" sanitary sewer line. The total cost of replacing the sanitary sewer line is \$256,000. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$50,000, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs, to the City of Wolsey for costs associated with replacing their sanitary sewer line. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on January 19, 2025.

**SOUTH CENTRAL WATERSHED AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE:** Rocky Knipling provided the following updates on the South Central Watershed Project:

- Firesteel Creek is ongoing.
- Water sampling will extend into the northern area. Additional equipment has been purchased and two sampling teams will be collecting data in 2023.

**DISTRICT UPDATE:** Staff and Directors reported on the following activities of the District:

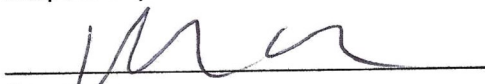
- Staff has a conflict with the March 9 meeting and would like to extend it one week, to March 16.
- Cerny: Would like the Board to support the repeal of SB44.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR AND STAFF REIMBURSEMENTS:** Motion by Director Stanley, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve staff and Director expenses. **Motion passed.**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held March 16 in Huron at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN:** Being no further business, Chairman Wiese declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Secretary

JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

\*\*\* Sign-In Sheet \*\*\*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 1/19/2023

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