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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2020

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:00 A.M. for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the District Office in Huron, South Dakota.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dan Koupal – Mitchell  
Dan Klimisch – Yankton  
Randy Stanley – Groton  
Mike Wiese – Aberdeen  
Frank Amundson – Huron  
Carol Millan – Mitchell  
Robert Braun - Aberdeen  
LeRoy Braun – Mellette (via phone)  
Clinton Bauer – Freeman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Judy Smoyer, CFO & Associate Manager  
Dave Bartel, District Manager  
Rocky Knippling, Watershed Coordinator  
Matt Cavenee, Watershed Coordinator  
Shane Deranleau, Watershed Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Attached list.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Koupal to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion carried.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Chairman Klimisch asked if any Directors had a conflict of interest regarding any agenda item. The following was disclosed at the January 15, 2020 annual meeting and 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
- Chairman Dan Klimisch is currently a Yankton County Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2020 MINUTES: Motion by Director Millan, seconded by Director Wiese to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE FROM US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON UPSTREAM RESERVOIRS AND 2020 RELEASES:

Jessica Batterman from US Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha gave an update on the upstream reservoirs and 2020 releases. A high flow year is predicted, as designated in the Water Control Manual for Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs. Objective is to empty both flood pools as quickly as possible to minimize risk of uncontrolled spillway flow and minimize downstream damages. The maximum

combined releases from Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs will be 750-1,200 cfs and releases will be adjusted based on rainfall and snowmelt runoff.

**USGS NITRATE GAUGING STATION:** The USGS is asking for joint funding for operation of a real-time, continuous nitrate monitor streamgage in Yankton County. The data collected from this monitor will allow for calculation of accurate nitrate loads, examination of trends in water quality conditions, predictive capabilities for downstream water quality, and calibration of contaminant transport models. Total cost for one year of operation is \$12,300. They are asking for assistance in the amount of \$8,200. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director Wiese to authorize cost-sharing assistance to USGS for operation of one real-time, continuous nitrate monitor streamgage in Yankton County in the amount of \$8,200. **Motion passed on a roll call vote.** These funds will expire on December 31, 2020.

**TOWN OF ETHAN:** Dave Duba with the Town of Ethan was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$4,000 to purchase a diesel-powered trash pump. The pumping system will help Ethan deal more effectively with flooding. Total cost to purchase the pump is \$5,749. **Motion** by Director Millan seconded by Director Amundson to deny the funding request from the town of Ethan. **Motion carried.**

**YANKTON COUNTY – CAP A WELL:** Donald Kirschenman was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$392.55 to cap an abandoned 200 foot deep, 4 inch casing well. The casing is rusted through and could contaminate the aquifer. Total cost to cap the well is \$785.10. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director R. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$392.55, not to exceed 50% of the costs to Donald Kirschenman of Yankton County to cap an abandoned well. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on March 12, 2022.

**SANBORN COUNTY – ENGINEERING FOR HYDROLOGY STUDY:** Ron Gillen with Brosz Engineering was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$20,000 to complete a hydrology study. Sanborn County plans on removing four bridge structures that are in poor condition; a hydrology study will need to be completed at the four sites. Total cost of the hydrology study is \$40,000. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Stanley to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$20,000, not to exceed 50% of the costs to Sanborn County for a hydrology study. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on March 12, 2022.

**TOWN OF VOLIN – REPAIR WATER METERING SYSTEM:** Martin Lawrensen with the Town of Volin was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$9,000 to repair and/or replace faulty or worn out piping and other parts of the water metering system. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Bauer to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$9,000, not to exceed 50% of the costs to the Town of Volin for upgrades to water metering system. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on March 12, 2022.

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING GRANTS:** The following projects are due to expire in the near future:

- Hutchinson County bridge stabilization extend until December 31, 2020
- Marshall County dam repair extend until May 31, 2021
- Yankton County dam repair extend until May 31, 2021
- Yankton County dam construction extend until May 31, 2021

**Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Bauer to extend the above grants as indicated. **Motion passed.**

**SOUTH CENTRAL WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATE:** Rocky Knipling updated the Board on the South Central Watershed Project.

- Staff is currently writing a new grant/proposal for additional RCCP funds.
- Continue working with City of Mitchell on the Firesteel Creek project

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

- Included in the board packet, by Dave Bartel, was a log of meetings attended, project site visits and other items he has been working on.
- March 31, 2020 is the James River Operations Meeting in Jamestown, North Dakota.
- The current terms of office for Director 2, Director 4, Director 6 and Director 8 will expire on December 31, 2020. Nominating petitions must be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2020 to the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office.
- Strategic planning session will be included on the May agenda.


**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Board reviewed the January 2020 financial reports. **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director Wiese to approve the January 2020 financials as printed. **Motion carried.**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held May 14, 2020 in Mitchell, SD at 9:00 am.

**ADJOURN:** Being no further business, Chairman Klimisch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Secretary

JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: March 12, 2020

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