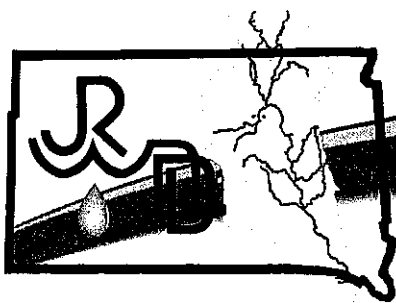


# James River Water Development District



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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2018

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:00 A.M. for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the District Office in Huron, South Dakota.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attached list.

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2018 MINUTES: Motion by Director Millan, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE FROM US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON UPSTREAM RESERVOIRS AND 2018 RELEASES:

Jessica Batterman from US Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha gave an update on the upstream reservoirs and 2018 releases. A medium flow year is predicted, as designated in the Water Control Manual for Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs. The maximum combined releases from Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs will be 450 to 750 cfs and releases will be adjusted based on rainfall and snowmelt runoff. Could see higher combined releases with above average precipitation.

CITY OF HURON: EXTEND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL/ENGINEERING: The City of Huron is requesting an extension to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Dam Improvement grant for technical/engineering costs. Currently there is \$33,967.45 remaining which will expire on May 19, 2018. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director L. Braun to extend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Dam Improvement grant for technical/engineering costs with the City of Huron until May 19, 2019. **Motion carried.**

CITY OF HURON – 3<sup>rd</sup> STREET DAM PROJECT: Jon Brown with Stockwell Engineering was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$438,325 to reduce the recirculating currents at the

Huron 3<sup>rd</sup> Street low head dam by placing rock downstream of the dam. The total cost of the project is \$876,650. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Wiese to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$150,000, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs to the City of Huron to reduce the recirculating currents at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street low head dam in Beadle County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Koupal & Millan)**. These funds will expire on March 15, 2020.

DAVISON CONSERVATION & US FISH AND WILDLIFE: GRAZING MANGEMENT: Chuck Pyle with the US Fish and Wildlife Service was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$30,000 for a grazing management plan throughout the District. On September 14, 2017 the James River Water Development District Board approved a letter of intent to participate in the grazing management plan in the amount of \$30,000, contingent upon receiving a grant from the SD Conservation Commission. Specific conservation practices to be implemented include pipelines, tanks, pasture pumps, alternative energy water pumps, rural water hook-ups, and shallow wells. The overall goal is to promote grassland management which is beneficial for wildlife production, erosion reduction and improved water quality in the James River. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$30,000, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs to the Davison Conservation District and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for a grazing management plan throughout the District. **Motion carried on a role call vote** . These funds will expire on March 15, 2020.

NITRATE MONITORING SYSTEM: Joyce Williamson with the USGS gave a presentation on a James River water-quality monitoring program to monitor such things as nitrate, pesticides, organic wastewater compounds and metals/mercury. The cost of starting up a program would be about \$30,000 for the first year and \$9,000 thereafter. No action was taken at this time.

HANSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT – TREE COOLER: Annette Steilen, Hanson Conservation District Manager was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$15,000 to replace their current tree cooler. The District is in need of replacing their 6x9 foot self-standing shed with a new 14x24 foot cooler to be built in their current shop building. It was also noted that Hanson Conservation District replaced their grass drill and did not received project assistance funds from the James River Water Development District. The total cost of the project is \$32,000. **Motion** by Director Bauer, seconded by Director Wiese to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$15,000, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs to the Hanson Conservation District for costs associated with replacing their current tree cooler. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: R. Braun, Stanley, L. Braun & Amundson)**. These funds will expire on March 15, 2020.

SPINK CONSERVATION DISTRICT – RANGELAND AND SOILS DAYS SPONSORSHIP: Ivy Pazour, Spink Conservation District Manager was present to request project assistance funds for costs associated with hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Rangeland and 14<sup>th</sup> annual Soils Days to be held in Spink County on June 26 & 27, 2018. This event is open to children between the ages of 8-18. This event is designed to increase participant awareness of rangeland and to further conservation and stewardship of our land. The costs to host this event is \$7,000. **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance of \$3,500 to the Spink Conservation District for costs associated with hosting the 2018 Rangeland and Soils Days. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson)**. These funds will expire on March 15, 2020.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: WATER SAMPLING: Sean Krueger, Environmental Scientist with SD DENR, is requesting \$15,600 for the Central Water Quality Monitoring Project. This project will monitor water chemistry form numerous locations in the watershed during the 2018 growing season. SD DENR will

provide any training necessary and supply equipment required for data collection. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$35,000. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Amundson to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$15,600, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs for water sampling for the Central Water Quality Monitoring Project. **Motion carried on a role call vote.** These funds will expire on March 15, 2020.

**PORTABLE SPECTROPHOTOMETER:** The District discussed purchasing a portable spectrophotometer. **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Amundson to authorize the staff to purchase a DR1900 portable spectrophotometer and needed supplies. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Millan).**

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

- Staff is submitting an application for \$500,000 from the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program for the South Central Watershed Implementation Segment 1 project. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director R. Braun to authorize the Chairman to sign the application. **Motion carried.**
- Resolution 2018-04 is the Official Signatory Resolution to be submitted with the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program Application. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director L. Braun to approve Resolution 2018-04. **Motion carried.**
- Continuing to work with the Vermillion Basin Water Development District.

**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.
- The 2016 audit has been reviewed and accepted from the SD Department of Legislative Audit. Their acceptance letter is included in the packet for the Board of Directors.
- Petitions are due to the Secretary of State office by 5:00 pm on March 27 for Director Areas 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.
- The current office computers need to be replaced. Staff as obtained quotes and has ordered new computers. The 2018 budget includes funds for replacing the computers. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director Koupal to order the disposal of the two office computers that are inadequate to serve the needs of the District and that the computers have no value. **Motion carried.**
- Discussion was held on the following possible projects:
  - Smoky Mountain Creek
  - CRP Program
  - Brown County: stock dam and replacement of well
  - Marshall County: dam repair & culvert
  - Firesteel Creek
- Rocky Knippling will be given a \$3,000 bonus for 2018.
- Shane Deranleau will be given a \$3,000 bonus for 2018.
- Matt Cavenee will be given a \$3,000 bonus for 2018.
- Director R. Braun reported on the Precision Ag conference he attended.
- Discussion was held on having iPads for the Directors. This will be discussed more in the future.

- Chairman Klimisch appointed the following committees for 2018:
  - Budget: LeRoy Braun (Chair), Robert Braun and Mike Wiese
  - Personnel: Carol Millan (Chair), Dan Koupal and Frank Amundson

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Board reviewed the January 2018 financial reports. **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director Wiese to approve the January 2018 financials as printed. **Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the February 2018 financial reports. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director L. Braun to approve the February 2018 financials as printed. **Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Klimisch called for an executive session to discuss personnel. Director Amundson moved to come out of executive session. The 2018 salary for Dave Bartel will be increased by \$2,000 and the 2018 salary for Judy Smoyer will be increased by \$2,000.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held April 12 in Britton, SD at 9:00 am.

**ADJOURN:** Being no further business, Chairman Klimisch declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary

JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Sign-In Sheet

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: March 15, 2018

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