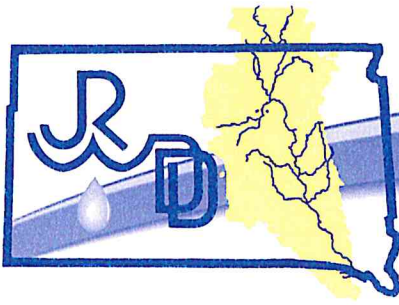


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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2023

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:00 A.M. for its regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Davison County North Office in Mitchell, SD.

ROLL CALL: The following persons were in attendance:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dan Koupal – Mitchell
Randy Stanley – Groton
Mike Wiese – Aberdeen
Carol Millan – Mitchell
Robert Braun – Aberdeen
Dan Klimisch – Utica
Pat Cerny – Yankton
Dennis Bennett – Huron
LeRoy Braun – Mellette

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
Blain Hieb, Watershed Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Gilbertson – East Dakota Water Development District, Jeff Bathke – Davison County, Chris Brozik – Civil Design, Inc, Kenna Hammons – Ducks Unlimited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Director Klimisch, seconded by Director Stanley 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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2023 MINUTES: Motion by Director Stanley, seconded by Director Klimisch to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jay Gilbertson presented an overview of the newly developed Dakota MainStem Regional Water System (DMRWS). DMRWS is envisioned as a wholesale provider of treated Missouri River water to member public water suppliers. The intent of the project is to not compete with any existing water utilities but rather provide a supplemental source of water to address current and long-term water needs to eastern SD communities.

DAVISON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: STRUCTURE 18-000-041: Chris Brozik, Engineer with Civil Design, Inc was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$26,091.25 for costs associated with drainage fabric and riprap installation costs at Structure 18-000-041 in Davison County. Completion of this project will help mitigate sediment transport from Firesteel Creek and ultimately into the James River, helping to reduce water contamination by soil erosion and help protect the structure from future scour and flooding events. The total cost of the project is \$1,337,113.46. **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director Cerny to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$26,091.25, not to exceed 50% of the total costs, to Davison County for the drainage fabric and riprap installation. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on May 11, 2025.

DAVISON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: STRUCTURE 18-100-052: Chris Brozik, Engineer with Civil Design, Inc was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$34,773.10 for costs associated with drainage fabric and riprap installation costs and engineering associated with the riprap/scour design at Structure 18-100-052 in Davison County. Completion of this project will help mitigate sediment transport from Firesteel Creek and ultimately into the James River, helping to reduce water contamination by soil erosion and help protect the structure from future scour and flooding events. The total cost of the project is \$1,391,568. **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director Cerny to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$34,773.10, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs, to Davison County for the drainage fabric and riprap installation and engineering associated with the riprap/scour design. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on May 11, 2025.

BROWN COUNTY – BANK STABILIZATION: Chad Pray, landowner in Brown County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$21,100 for 120 yards of bank stabilization. Completion of this project will keep the water moving south to prevent damage to the gates at Putney Slough. The total cost of the project is \$48,700. **Motion** by Director Klimisch, seconded by Director R. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$20,000, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs, to Chad Pray for bank stabilization in Brown County. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on May 11, 2025.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY – JOHN HANDEL: John Handel, landowner in Hutchinson County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$38,226.32 to build a dam in Sweet Township. The total cost to build the dam is \$50,968.43. **Motion** by Director L. Braun, seconded by Director Klimisch to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$38,226.32, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to John Handel to build a dam, which must include a fence around the berm in Hutchinson County. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on May 11, 2025.

YANKTON COUNTY – BRIAN GOEHRING: Brian Goehring, landowner in Yankton County, was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$43,846.33 to build a dam in Odessa Township. The total cost to build the dam is \$58,461.77. **Motion** by Director Klimisch, seconded by Director R. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$43,846.33, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Brian Goehring to build a dam, which must include a fence around the berm in Yankton County. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on May 11, 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 started May 3 which includes 23 total sites to be sampled.
- Staff will put together a video to present at the next meeting with some of the projects that have been completed or that are in progress.

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

- The 2022 audit is ongoing.
- Committees need to meet; committee chairs will be reaching out to members shortly.
- Chairman Wiese appointed Director Bennett to the budget committee.
- Staff is working on several possible upcoming projects.
- On May 13, 2021, the Board approved cost-sharing assistance up to \$34,626.50 to Green Acres Association to construct three 4000 gallon above ground water storage tanks in Brown County. These funds have not been used and will expire on May 13, 2023. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Stanley to extend the cost-sharing assistance to Green Acres Association in the amount of \$34,626.50 until May 13, 2024. **Motion passed.**

TREASURERS REPORT: The Board reviewed the March 2023 financial reports. **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Cerny to approve the March 2023 financials as discussed and printed. **Motion passed.**

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held July 13 in Yankton at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Being no further business, Chairman Wiese declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary