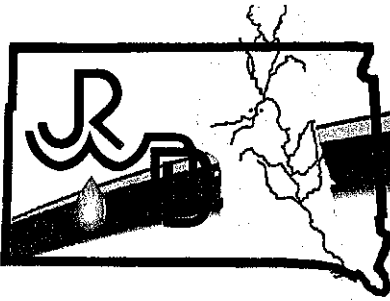


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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2019

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 10:00 A.M. for its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the American Legion in Pierre, 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
Clinton Bauer – Freeman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

LeRoy Braun – Mellette

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.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Chairman Klimisch asked if any Directors had a conflict of interest regarding any agenda item. No conflicts were noted. The following Directors shared the following information:

- 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 November 8, 2018 MINUTES: Motion by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Bauer to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

BOARD APPOINTMENT: At the September 13, 2018 meeting, the Board declared a vacancy in Area 1, effective January 1, 2019. Public notices of the vacancy were published in the official newspaper for the area. Completed nominating petitions were to be submitted to the District office in Huron by October 15, 2018. A petition was submitted by Mike Wiese of Aberdeen for Area 1. The Brown County Auditor confirmed that the petition contained a valid number of signatures. **Motion** by Director Stanley, seconded by Director Amundson to appoint Mike Wiese of Aberdeen to serve as the Director for Area 1 through the end of calendar year 2022. **Motion carried.**

OATH OF OFFICE: Directors Wiese, Stanley, Amundson, Millan, and Bauer took the oath of office.

TREASURERS REPORT: **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director Bauer to approve the November 2018 financials as printed. **Motion carried.** **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve the December 2018 financials as printed. **Motion carried.**

2018 TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Due to expenses related to the 2017 audit and legal fees the yearend financials indicate a need to transfer \$275 to the LEGAL & CONSULTANT ACCOUNT from the CONGINENCY ACCOUNT. **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Amundson to approve Resolution #2019-01. **Motion carried.**

2018 CLOSEOUT: The District needs to encumber 2018 financial obligations that remain unpaid; this will give the District spending authority for these items in 2019. The amount to carry forward is \$646,546.13. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Stanley to approve Resolution #2019-02. **Motion carried.**

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

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairman. **Motion** by Director Wiese to nominate Director Klimisch for Chairman. **Motion** by Wiese, seconded by Director Stanley that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Director Klimisch. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Klimisch opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. **Motion** by Director Millan to nominate Director Stanley for Vice-Chairman. **Motion** by Koupal, seconded by Director R. Braun that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Director Stanley. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Klimisch opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. **Motion** by Director Millan to nominate Director Robert Braun for Secretary. **Motion** by Wiese, seconded by Director Klimisch that nominations cease and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Director Robert Braun. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Klimisch appointed Director Amundson for the office of Treasurer.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Bauer to retain the current newspapers; Aberdeen American News, Britton Journal, Huron Plainsman, Mitchell Daily Republic, The Redfield Press, Yankton County Observer, and Yankton Press and Dakotan, as the official newspapers of the District. **Motion carried.**

OPEN MEETING & CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Bob Riter, attorney with Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Northrup, LLP, presented an overview of the open meeting laws and conflict of interest.

2019 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. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Wiese to authorize cost-sharing assistance to the Conservation Districts to help producers, not to exceed 50% of the producers'

costs, with tree planting efforts in the amount of \$157,500. **Motion passed on a role call vote (Absent L. Braun).** These funds will expire on December 31, 2019. \$15,000 will be allocated to the following Conservation Districts; Beadle, Brown-Marshall, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Marshall, Sanborn, South Brown, Spink and Yankton. \$7,500 will be allocated to Aurora Conservation.

USGS NITRATE GAUGING STATION: The USGS is asking for joint funding for installation and operation of a real-time, continuous nitrate monitor streamgage in Yankton County that would be operated seasonally, approximately April-October. 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 installation and for one year of operation is \$19,500. They are asking for assistance in the amount of \$13,000. **Motion by Director Amundson, seconded by Director R. Braun to authorize cost-sharing assistance to USGS for installation and operation of one real-time, continuous nitrate monitor streamgage in Yankton County in the amount of \$13,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote (Absent: L. Braun).** These funds will expire on December 31, 2019.

ENHANCED CRP PROGRAM: The James River Water Development District is committed to improving water quality within the James River watershed through the Enhanced CRP Program available now for a number of USDA Continuous CRP practices. The JRWDD Enhanced CRP program consists of a one-time, up-front, 75% incentive payment of the CRP base-rate in addition to the producers regular CRP payment for the following practices; CP8A – Grass Waterways, CP21 – Filter Strips, CP22 – Riparian Buffer, CP29 – Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer, CP30 – Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer. **Motion by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Wiese to authorize \$50,000 in new cost-sharing assistance for the CRP Program. Motion carried on a role call vote (Absent: L. Braun).** These funds will expire on December 31, 2019.

SOUTH CENTRAL WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATE: The James River Water Development District is committed to continue the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs), which have been successful in the South Central Watershed Implementation Project. **Motion by Director Millan, seconded by Director Koupal to authorize \$35,500 in cost-sharing assistance for the South Central Watershed Project Segment 1. Motion carried on a role call vote (Absent: L. Braun).** These funds will expire on December 31, 2019.

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

- Received \$216,000 from the SD Nonpoint Task Force
- Staff has been meeting with City of Mitchell in regards to the Firesteel Creek project
- Water sampling will continue in 2019

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.
- Chairman Klimisch attended a zebra mussel summit in Yankton. Several agencies were present to discuss the impact of the spread of the zebra mussel.

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held March 14, 2019 in Huron, SD at 9:00 am.

ADJOURN: Being no further business, Chairman Klimisch declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary

JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Sign-In Sheet

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