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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2020

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:45 A.M. for its regular meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 by way of telephone conference call.

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
Clinton Bauer – Freeman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Judy Smoyer, CFO & Associate Manager
Dave Bartel, District Manager
Rocky Knippling, Watershed Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: USGS and Clark Engineering

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Koupal to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion passed on a roll call vote (Absent: Bauer).**

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 MARCH 12, 2020 MINUTES: **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Stanley to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion passed on a roll call vote (Absent: Bauer).**

USGS REAL-TIME NITRATE MONITORING ON JAMES RIVER NEAR HURON, SD: In 2019, the USGS installed a nitrate monitor to measure total nitrate concentrations at the James River near the Yankton streamgauge, funded in cooperation with the District. An additional site farther up the James River is proposed that could be utilized as a comparison site in an effort to track changes of nitrate throughout the basin. The proposed streamgauge for the second site is at the James River near Huron. The cost for installation of the new site and operation of real-time, continuous nitrate monitor for both sites is \$31,200 from April-October 2021. The new site will not be operational in Huron until Spring of 2021.

Motion by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Koupal to defer the request to the September meeting. **Motion passed on a roll call vote (Absent: Bauer).**

TOWN OF TULARE: The Town of Tulare is constructing a new water tower and pumphouse. The new pumphouse is essential to allow the Town to maintain their new water system. It will allow them to secure the pump controls and to store equipment to properly service the new water system. The Town of Tulare is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$13,844.74 for costs related to The Town of Tulare's new water tower and pumphouse. **Motion** by Director Koupal seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$13,844.74, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs to the Town of Tulare for costs associated with the new water tower and pumphouse. **Motion passed on a roll call vote (Nay: Amundson) (Absent: Bauer).** These funds will expire on July 9, 2022.

Director Bauer joined the meeting via telephone.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY – MARK RAMES: Mark Rames, landowner in Hutchinson County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$21,660.75 to repair a dam in Sweet Township. Total cost to repair the dam is \$32,881. **Motion** by Director L. Braun seconded by Director Wiese to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$21,660.75, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Mark Rames to repair a dam in Hutchinson County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on July 9, 2022.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY – VINCE BODDICKER: Vince Boddicker, landowner in Hutchinson County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$12,952.79 to repair a dam in Foster Township. Total cost to repair the dam is \$17,270.39. **Motion** by Director R. Braun seconded by Director Stanley to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$12,952.79, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Vince Boddicker to repair a dam in Hutchinson County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on July 9, 2022.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY – HARNISCH FARMS LLC: Kent Harnisch, landowner in Hutchinson County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$17,197.20 to repair a dam in Clayton South Township. Total cost to repair the dam is \$22,929.60. **Motion** by Director Wiese seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$17,197.20, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Harnisch Farms LLC (Kent Harnisch) to repair a dam in Hutchinson County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on July 9, 2022.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY – DAVID HARNISCH: David Harnisch, landowner in Hutchinson County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$14,305.50 to repair a dam in Molan Township. Total cost to repair the dam is \$19,074. **Motion** by Director Koupal seconded by Director Stanley to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$14,305.50, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to David Harnisch to repair a dam in Hutchinson County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on July 9, 2022.

USGS REAL-TIME NITRATE MONITORING ON JAMES RIVER NEAR HURON, SD: Motion by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Amundson to bring the USGS real-time nitrate monitoring requesting back to the table. Galen Hoogestraat, Hydrologist with the USGS joined the meeting to provide the Board additional information on the project. Galen will provide several funding options at the September meeting based on the number of years and costs related to renting or buying the equipment.

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

- In December 2019 the District received \$400,000 from the SD Nonpoint Task Force for the South Central Watershed Project. The contract will be coming from DENR and will need to be signed by Chairman Klimisch. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize Chairman Klimisch to sign the contract when it is received. **Motion passed on a roll call vote.**
- Continue working with City of Mitchell on the Firesteel Creek project.
- Staff applied for \$2.7 million in additional RCCP funds.
- On June 19, 2020 the 2017 Ford F150 was damaged in a hail storm. Staff is working with the insurance company, which has declared the 2017 Ford F150 a total loss.
- Water samples are taken weekly with half of the sites collected one week and the other half collected the next week.

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 appointed the following committees for 2020:
 - Budget: Randy Stanley (Chair), Clinton Bauer and Frank Amundson
- Chairman Klimisch set the 2021 budget hearing for September 10, 2020.
- Until further notice, future meetings will be held by way of video conference or telephone conference.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Board reviewed the February 2020 financial reports. **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve the February 2020 financials as presented. **Motion passed on a roll call vote.** The Board reviewed the March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020 financial reports. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Stanley to approve the March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020 financials as presented. **Motion passed on a roll call vote.**

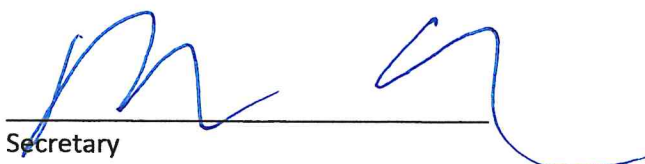
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT: The District needs to replace the 2017 Ford F150 used by the South Central Watershed Project. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize the Manager to purchase a vehicle up to \$40,000 to replace the 2017 Ford F150 destroyed in a hail storm on June 19, 2020. **Motion passed on a roll call vote.**

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held September 10 by video or audio at 9:00 am.

ADJOURN: Being no further business, Chairman Klimisch declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted:


Secretary