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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2022

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:00 A.M. for its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2022 at the District Office in Huron, SD and by way of Zoom.

ROLL CALL: The following persons were in attendance:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dan Koupal – Mitchell
Randy Stanley – Groton
Mike Wiese – Aberdeen
Frank Amundson – Huron
Carol Millan – Mitchell via ZOOM
Robert Braun - Aberdeen
LeRoy Braun – Mellette – via ZOOM

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Clinton Bauer – Freeman
Director Area 8 - VACANT

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: Rob Roeber – Cottonwood Lake/Township/Spink County

OTHERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Alex Flanigan, P.E. Hydraulic Engineer – US Army Corps of Engineers & Mike Sedlacek – Yankton County Highway Superintendent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Director Stanley, seconded by Director R. Braun 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. The following was disclosed at the January 12, 2022 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2022 MINUTES: The following correction was made: DIRECTORS ABSENT: Clinton Bauer – Freeman & Director Area 8- VACANT. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve the Minutes as amended. **Motion passed.**

VACANCY FOR DIRECTOR AREA 8: On January 12, 2022 the Board declared a vacancy for Director Area 8. Ads were placed in the Yankton Press and Dakotan and the Yankton Observer on February 1 and 8. Petitions were to be submitted to the District office by 5:00 p.m. on March 1. No petitions were turned in for the vacancy. **Motion** by R. Braun, seconded by Stanley to authorize publication of the Notice of Vacancy in the Yankton Press and Dakotan and the Yankton Observer; to require that all applicants for the vacancy submit their petitions to the District office no later than 5:00 pm on April 29, 2022; and to set the May 12, 2022 Board meeting as the time to consider all valid petitions and to appoint a new Director for Area 8. **Motion passed.**

UPDATE FROM US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON UPSTREAM RESERVOIRS AND 2022 RELEASES: Alex Flanigan, P.E. from US Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha gave an update on the upstream reservoirs and 2022 releases. A low 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 at 200 cfs and releases will be adjusted based on spring and summer rainfall.

YANKTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Mike Sedlacek, Yankton County Highway Superintendent, was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$31,250 for engineering fees for a hydraulic study on structure #68-030-018 and proposed replacement options for the structure. Total cost of engineering fees is \$130,000. **Motion** by Director Amundson, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$31,250, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs, to Yankton County Highway Department for engineering fees in Yankton County. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on March 10, 2024.

USGS NITRATE GAUGING STATION: The USGS is asking for joint funding for operation and maintenance 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. This agreement is from 1/1/2022-9/30/2022 for a total cost of \$9,300. They are asking for assistance in the amount of \$6,225. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Stanley to authorize cost-sharing assistance to USGS for operation and maintenance of one real-time, continuous nitrate monitor streamgage in Yankton County in the amount of \$6,225. **Motion passed.** These funds will expire on September 31, 2022.

YANKTON COUNTY – SUSAN MCCLURE: Susan McClure, landowner in Yankton County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$11,724.83 to repair a dam in Volin Township. Total cost to repair the dam is \$15,633.11. **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Wiese to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$11,724.83, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Susan McClure to repair a dam in Yankton County. **Motion passed on a roll call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on March 10, 2024.

YANKTON COUNTY – RODNEY SCHRAMM: Rodney Schramm, landowner in Yankton County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$7,696.05 to build a dam in Mission Hill Township. Total cost to build the dam is \$10,261.40. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director L. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$7,696.05, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Rodney Schramm to build a dam in Yankton County. **Motion passed on a roll call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on March 10, 2024.

SOUTH CENTRAL WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATE: Rocky Knippling provided the following updates on the South Central Watershed Project:

- Staff continues to work with DANR on the expansion of the South Central Watershed Project. This new area would include 14 ½ million acres.
- Staff plans to hire an additional employee for the South Central Watershed Project by the end of March 2022.
- Staff will be meeting with the policy committee to discuss health/dental/vision premiums for the South Central Watershed staff.
- Staff submitted an application in the amount of \$20 million for ARPA funds.

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.
- ELO Professionals of Huron, SD will be starting the 2021 Fiscal Year audit on March 14, 2022.
- On January 1, 2022, the manager provided a \$1,500 increase in salary, for Fiscal Year 2022, for Rocky Knippling, Shane Deranleau and Matthew Cavenee for their continued performance and commitment to the District.
- Director Amundson attended the Custer Township Annual meeting and provided them with an update on the District's activities.
- Chairman Wiese appointed the following committees for 2022:
 - Personnel Committee: Directors R. Braun (Chair), Koupal, Bauer and Wiese
 - Policy Committee: Directors Millan (Chair), Amundson and Director 8
 - Budget Committee: Directors L. Braun (Chair), Stanley and Wiese

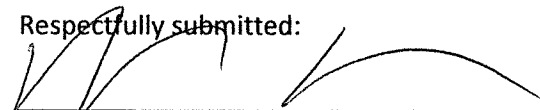
TREASURERS REPORT: The Board reviewed the January 2022 financial reports. **Motion** by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Amundson to approve the January 2022 financials as discussed and printed. **Motion passed.**

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held May 12 in Mitchell at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Being no further business, Chairman Wiese declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary

