

# **Steele County Water Resource District**

General Meeting –February 5th, 2019  
Minutes

The Steele County Water Resource Board met on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 9 AM at the Steele County Courthouse, Finley, North Dakota.

Steele County Board members present –Josh Ihry, Greg Thykeson and Tor Bergstrom  
Others present - Lyndon Pease - Moore Engineering, Cassie Tostenson - Brudvik Law, Donald Huso - Steele County WRD Secretary.

At 9:00 A M Steele County Chairman Ihry called the meeting to order.

## **Approve Agenda**

Under Other Business add a second item, Paid Time Off, And a third item, Legislation Items. A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to approve the agenda, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

## **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to approve the minutes from the General Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

## **Lake Tobiason**

JDA and Steele County Commission have both been updated about the upcoming lake project. A letter will be sent to JDA thanking them for their support and updating them as to the current status of the project.

## **Joe Larson – Drain Project**

Attorney Tostenson said she spoke with Chris Hong and shared the information provided by Engineer Pease about the project and Chris shared the information with his brother Curtis about the project cost. Chris inquired about any available cost sharing and he was informed that no cost sharing was available at this time. Chris said that they would be interested in doing some of the dirt work to help reduce the cost. It was agreed that any work provided by private individuals would require supervision by project engineers. There was further discussion by the Water Board on ways to make the project cost effective for all parties involved. It was decided to invite the Hong's to the March 5, 2019 Water Board Meeting.

### **Nelson County – Middle Goose River Draining Update**

Manager Bergstrom said that Nelson County Commission was sending a letter to the Steele County Commission saying they had investigated the complaint received from the Steele County Commission regarding water drainage into the Middle Goose River Drain and they had found that all work completed was by the book in accordance with a 2006 Snagging and Clearing Project which was just now being completed because of lack of funding in the previous years.

### **S & C Goose River**

Nelson County wanted to expand the Middle Goose River Drain an extra 2 miles north up to Sundquist Slough. This would also increase the water flow into Steele County. The issue was discussed and board members said they would like to work with Nelson County on these projects if their area landowners were in agreement and willing to share the costs.

### **Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD**

Manager Bergstrom gave an update on the hiring of a new secretary. They are getting close to making a final decision. They are finalizing the duties and responsibilities of the new secretary. They also discussed some possible future joint projects involving member counties.

### **Red River Joint WRD**

The board met on January 9, 2019. They discussed legislation issues. Handouts were provided to member counties. The handouts included pictures and descriptions of projects involving member counties. Engineer Pease gave an update on the Red River Diversion Project. He said the project was moving forward but there was still some opposition that needed to be resolved.

### **Other Business**

No updates. Paid time off was discussed concerning storm day courthouse closure for employees that were on vacation or sick leave. The board agreed to follow the county policy manual as long as it applied evenly to all employees. Legislation bills were discussed. HB1514 would eliminate tile permitting requirements. Steele County Water Board members agreed that this was not a good bill. Board members stated that tile permits helped to protect both the county and landowners and they encourage our State Representatives to vote against this bill.

**Treasures Report**

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve treasurer's report & pay all bills due and also approve all financial reports, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Next General monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 10:48 AM.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Donald Huso, Secretary