

# *Steele County Water Resource District*

General Meeting –August 6th, 2019  
Minutes

The Steele County Water Resource Board met on Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 at 8:02 AM at the Steele County Courthouse, Finley, North Dakota.

Steele County Board members present –Josh Ihry, Greg Thykeson, Tor Bergstrom

Others present –Bill Brudvik-Brudvik Law, Lyndon Pease-Moore Engineering,  
Tasha Krueger-Steele County WRD Secretary, Ben Gate- Steele County Emergency Manager

Steele County Chairman Ihry called the meeting to order.

## **Approve Agenda**

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 Thykeson to approve the minutes from General Meeting on July 2rd, 2019, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

## **Goose River Potential Legal Drain**

Manager Bergstrom reported nothing is new with this issue.

## **Lake Tobiason**

Engineer Pease was reviewed the outdoor heritage fund application requirements. There isn't anything on file about the Game and Fish stocking Lake Tobiason. Engineer Pease will reach out to the North Dakota Game and Fish to file an application to requested Lake Tobiason be stocked with fish in the future.

Engineer Pease gave an update on the permits that were filed with the Corp of Engineers and the North Dakota State Water Commission.

The Corp of Engineers permit was submitted with no issues.

The State Engineer's office is requiring two different types of permits.

A diversion permit is needed since the water is being diverted from Spring Creek into the lake.

A construction permit is required since the outlet upgrades would be a modification to the dam.

The improvement is going from metal piping to a concrete pipe. The embankment around Lake Tobiason is considered a low hazard class 1 dam. If the rock is below 50 feet of the retention/detention a permit would not be required.

There was discussion on extra funding from the Red River Joint for the Lake Tobiason project.

The board decided to pursue the Red River Joint for extra local funding.

Engineer Pease thought the State Water Commission would sign off on the permit around August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Pease will contact Lakeside Construction to discuss the project work needing to be complete.

### **Joe Larson- Drain 1 Lateral**

Attorney Tostenson reached out to Chris Hong but has not heard back from him. She will try to contact him again.

### **Drain 1-Chris Hong- Flap Gate**

Manager Thykeson spoke with Chris Hong about the flap gate on the culvert being gone and cleaning out the drain. The drain needs 3-4 miles of cleaning done (spill piles will need to be leveled after harvest).

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to clean out drain 1 and fix the flap gate, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, Motion Carried. Manager Thykeson will contact Chad Hanson.

### **FEMA**

The board looked at the FEMA flood sites. There are 6 sites.

Drain 8 has three sites, Drain 1 has one site, Elm River Dam, and Upper Maple River Dam gate. Gates joined the meeting to explain the bidding process and answer any questions.

All damages will be reimbursed 75% Federal, 10% State, and 15% Local share.

All small projects less than \$128,900 no bids are required but encourage the board to get 3 different bids.

All large bids over \$128,900 need to be sealed and published in the paper. All sites can be bid together or separate.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to get 3 separate bids for Drain 8 per Engineer Pease's specs, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to get 3 bids for Drain 1 per Engineer Pease's specs, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to replace the gate and/or upgrade the gate at the Upper Sheyenne Dam, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, Motion Carried.

Engineer Pease will get in contact with the Engineer of the site to discuss the repair.

Site 6- Elm River Dam will need more time to determine the best fix for this site. A public meeting needs to be set up. No decisions have been made on this Dam at this moment.

A new emergency site will be added to the site tracker for snow removal on Drain 1. The site tracker will be updated and sent to the FEMA rep.

The site inspector from FEMA will be reaching out for inspections the end of August.

### **Drain 8-Cost Share**

The cost overrun was denied due to the lack of funding by the North Dakota State Water Commission for the amount of \$60,107 for Lateral C on Drain 8.

### **Drain Inspections**

Drain 2: John Motter called about legal Drain 2 not being cleaned for 2 years and trees growing. The invoices were pulled showing maintenance has been done on this drain recently. The easements were reviewed. The boards responsible to keep the drain clean. Manager Bergstrom will look at the drain and talk to John Motter.

Drain 3- Clean all of Drain 3, Parnell to do work.

Drain 12-remove beaver dams, Chad Hanson to do work.

Drain 6- clean all of Drain 6, Chad Hanson to do work.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the drain inspections, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, Motion Carried.

### **Drain Assessments**

The Drain Assessments were reviewed. Further discussion will be decided at the September meeting.

### **Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD**

No July meeting. There will be a meeting in Carrington on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### **Red River Joint WRD**

Manager Ihry reported at the last meeting they talked in detail about legislation issues.

IWI requested funding for the River of Dream program. They were granted state funding and will be expanding to 13 schools across the state.

### **Other Business**

There was discussion on the drain information being added to the GIS system. A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to add the drain information to the GIS system with a budget of \$1500, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, Motion Carried.

Mike Larson inquired about spraying cat tails. He charges \$350 per mile. The board will contact him if they decide to spray.

Officer Manager Krueger will be gone August 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. She will be working August 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be checking emails while out of the office.

### **Treasures Report**

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

Engineer Pease gave an update on Mike Opat's resignation at Moore Engineering.

Next General Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m. in Finley.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M. without objection.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Office Manager