

Steele County Water Resource District

General Meeting –September 3rd, 2019 Minutes

The Steele County Water Resource Board met on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 at 8 AM at the Steele County Courthouse, Finley, North Dakota.

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

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 August 6th, 2019, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the minutes from Special Meeting on August 26th, 2019, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Goose River Potential Legal Drain

Manager Bergstrom said work is being done on the drain. The landowners are removing beaver dams and the channel is running.

Lake Tobiason

Engineer Pease gave an update on the permit process (see August 26th, 2019 minutes). He will be coming up with a timeline for the project. An extension for construction will filled with the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. The Game and Fish application for restocking the lake will be filed in 2020.

Joe Larson- Drain 1 Lateral

Attorney Tostenson emailed the Hongs but hasn't heard back from them.
Chad Hanson hasn't done the clean out on the drain.

FEMA Update

The FEMA site inspection is set for September 11th, 2019 at 9 a.m. We will meet at the courthouse and inspect each site with the FEMA inspector. All sites that are not completed will need to be inspected.

Engineer Pease said Cass County doesn't participate in the FEMA cost share program. The Steele County WRD board feels FEMA has come a long way over the years and choose to participate in the cost share program.

Easton Township

Manager Bergstrom said Easton township is trying to establish water levels from years ago to put a culvert back in place. The Game and Fish said the waterboard can recommend the culvert size. There was discussion on contacting the State Engineer Office for a stream crossing permit.

Drain Inspections

Manager Bergstrom was contacted by Ron Amundson about the beaver dams in Drain 2. Ron said the beaver dams are up and down Drain 2 and are coming onto his alfalfa field.

The board discussed the beaver dam problem.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to contact Tim Hanslip to maintain the beaver dams in Drain 2, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

There was discussion on the John Motter complaint. The easement was reviewed. Manager Bergstrom and Manager Thykeson will go look at Drain 2.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to authorize the board members to clean the drain if they feel it is needed, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to spray part of Drain 4, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

Mike Larson will be contact for the spraying.

Drain Assessments

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to approve the following drain assessments, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

Drain 1-\$4 Maintainence

Drain 2-\$4 Assessment Cost and Maintainence

Drain 3-\$2 Maintainence

Drain 4-\$4 Maintainence

Drain 6-\$2 Maintainence

Drain 8-\$4 Assessment Cost and Maintainence

Drain 11-\$4 Maintainence

Drain 12-None this year

Drain 13-None this year

Drain 17-Traill County WRD

Upper Maple River- Cass County WRD

Snagging and Clearing-Goose River-Assessment Cost

Elm River Dam

No meeting has been set up.

Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD

Manager Bergstrom gave a report on the August 21st, 2019 Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD meeting. Topics included: treasurers report, IWI from Chuck Fritz, Sheyenne River Corridor Management project, and Sheyenne River Study.

No September meeting.

Red River Joint WRD

Manager Ihry attended the August 14th, 2019 Executive meeting. He gave a report on the Devils Lake water levels and an update on the IWI from Chuck Fritz.

A Full board meeting will be held September 25th, 2019 in West Fargo, ND.

Other Business

Office Manager Krueger informed the board of a new policy manual adopted by the county. The WRD policy manual is approved to fit their office. Attorney Tostenson will contact the Auditors office for the word document manual to make changes to fit their office.

The board reviewed the employee evaluation with Office Manager Krueger.

Treasures Report

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

Next General Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m. in Finley.

Adjournment

There was no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection 10:58 A.M.

APPROVED:

Josh Ihry, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Office Manager