

Steele County Water Resource District

General Meeting –October 1st, 2019 Minutes

The Steele County Water Resource Board met on Thursday, October 1st, 2019 at 8 AM at the Steele County Courthouse, Finley, North Dakota.

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

Others present –Cassie Tostenson-Brudvik Law, Tasha Krueger-Steele County WRD Secretary

Steele County Chairman Ihry called the meeting to order at 8:07 A.M.

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 the General Meeting on September 3rd, 2019, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on September 11th, 2019, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Randy Eide-Drain Tile Application

Attorney Tostenson reviewed Randy Eide's drain application for section 35-146-54 NE1/4. Randy will have the notarized letter of approval signed by Tim Nerby, Kenneth Domier, and Primrose township.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to conditionally approve the drain tile permit, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

Red River Joint WRD

Manager Ihry requested pictures of overland flooding be taken to prove there needs to be funding for water projects.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve a letter and pictures be sent to the North Dakota State Water Commission and Jack Dewier, Seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Upper Maple River Dam

Manager Ihry closed the road to the Upper Maple River Dam on September 23rd, 2019. The water was going over the bridge. Ihry will check the bridge today (October 1st, 2019).

Goose River potential legal drain

Manager Bergstrom has had two landowners contact him about cropland flooding in the Goose River. Bergstrom told the landowners they would need to get a petition and post bond to move forward on this project. The landowners would like the beaver dams removed. The Water Resource districts aren't in charge of maintaining the beaver dams. There is no maintenance districts set up to remove the beaver dams in the county.

Lake Tobiason

Engineer Pease submitted a report on Lake Tobiason. They have been in contact with SWC (State Water Commission) and USACE (U.S. Army Corp of Engineers) for construction permits in 2020. A cost share permit will be submitted to the Red River Joint WRD.

The SWC permit wants to modify the permit request to reflect how they classify dams with their new requirements.

The USCAE permit has indicated analyzing the impacts of Spring Creek downstream of the rock check. A hydrologic model in HMS is being used to update technical memo to supplement the permit application.

Joe Larson-Drain 1 Lateral

Attorney Tostneson hasn't heard from the Hongs since she sent an email to them last month. She will send an email to try and contact them again.

FEMA Update

There was discussion on the Elm River Dam. No mitigation will be done on this Dam. An Elm River Joint meeting will need to be sent up to discuss decommissioning the dam. FEMA does have to PDM and grant program available to help cost share with 75/25. A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to sign off on the FEMA list, Seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

Drain 8 Site 3 Snow Removal

Manager Thykeson will be putting reflectors up on Drain 8-Site 3.

Pete Haugen would like to add a gate and a 24-inch culvert on his driveway. The water will dump onto his own land. The board doesn't have an issue with this.

Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD

No new business.

Other Business

There was discussion on what layers of the drain information should be put on the GIS system. The board decided to put all the information in the shape file accessible online.

Attorney Tostneson is reviewing the policy manual. Tostenson will contact the auditor's office to update them on the policy manual status.

Treasures Report

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

Next General Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m. in Finley.

Adjournment

There was no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 9:38 A.M.

APPROVED:

Josh Ihry, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Office Manager