

Steele County Water Resource District

General Meeting –November 5th, 2019 Minutes

The Steele County Water Resource Board met on Tuesday, November 5th, 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, Ben Gates-Emergency Manager

Steele County Chairman Ihry called the meeting to order.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the agenda seconded by Manager Bergstrom; motion carried.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve the minutes from General Meeting on October 2nd, 2018, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Gerald and Jesse Bye-Drain Tile Permit

Attorney Tostenson reviewed the application. They are installing 2 pump locations. It will drain into Drain 4.

A motion was made Manager Bergstrom to approve Gerald and Jesse Bye's drain tile application for section 2-148-54.

Lake Tobiason

Engineer Pease gave an update on the extension of the grants for the North Dakota Heritage Fund. The North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is aware of the permitting changes.

A motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to draft a letter to the North Dakota Heritage Fund to give an update on the permitting process and project status, seconded by Manager Thykeson, motion carried.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and North Dakota State Water Commission permits have been submitted. A cost sheet was presented. The costs have increased due to the permitting process.

There was discussion on the RRJWRD cost share application.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to authorize Engineer Pease to submit the cost share application to the Red River Joint Water Resource District, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

The RRJWRD meeting will be held November 13th, 2019 in Hillsboro.

Drain 8-Site 3 Snow Removal

Manager Thykeson reported Drain 8 hasn't been mowed. The reflectors haven't been put up in the spill way yet.

FEMA

There is an Elm River Joint meeting sent up in Bismarck at the convention.

PDM grant- Manager Bergstrom spoke on Steve Krentz from the North Dakota Game and Fish on funding for fish passages. The dam would be breached and a fish passage station would be put in place. It is funded up to 60%. The board was in favor of this idea. Steve will be at the convention in Bismarck. Manager Bergstrom will contact Steve about attending our meeting in Bismarck. The board decided not apply for the PDM grant.

FEMA is requesting a detailed hydraulic study to install culverts. The costs would be less to install the pipe without participating in the FEMA cost share program and avoid the hydraulic study. The FEMA representative is getting details on the information that is being requested from Randy Reimer (State Public Assistance Officer). Moore Engineer will be in contact with the FEMA Representative-Allan Hartmann. Pease will inform the board if we have too much expenses into the project.

Emergency Manager Gates joined the meeting. There was discussion on the PDM grant and the fish passage stations.

Upper Sheyenne Joint WRD

Manager Bergstrom reported Devils Lake water has gone up over a foot. Every foot of water, 10,000 acres is affected. There are 3 spots in the Sheyenne River that need to be fixed. The application wasn't submitted in time. The damage has happened due to the pumps. The water flow rate is affecting the erosion and sediment is moving.

Jack Dywer presented a pilot program wanting from watershed board. The funding is up to million dollars. The watershed boards would be in charge of all the projects in their basin. The North Dakota State Water Commission would approve the cost share.

The board feels joint boards are already formed and feel the way it's set up right now works better.

Nelson County is flowing good. Steele County is still plugged.

Red River Joint WRD

Manager Ihry will get the contact information for the water pictures and letter needs to be sent.

North Dakota Joint Water Convention

The North Dakota Joint Water Convention will be held December 3rd-6th, 2019. All board members plan to attend the convention.

Other Business

Attorney Tostenson is having her assistant work on the policy manual.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to approve Tasha Krueger to renew her notary bond, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

A motion was made by Manager Thykeson to increase the credit card limit to \$2,500, seconded by Manager Bergstrom, motion carried.

Treasures Report

A motion was made by Manager Thykerson 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, December 3rd, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. in Finley.

Adjournment

There was no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 9:50 A.M.

APPROVED:

Josh Ihry, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Office Manager