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JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019

The James River Water Development District (JRWDD) Board of Directors convened at 9:00 A.M. for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the District Office in Huron, South Dakota.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dan Koupal – Mitchell
Dan Klimisch – Yankton
Randy Stanley – Groton
Mike Wiese – Aberdeen
Frank Amundson – Huron
Carol Millan – Mitchell
Robert Braun - Aberdeen
Clinton Bauer – Freeman
LeRoy Braun – Mellette (via phone)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Judy Smoyer, CFO & Associate Manager
Dave Bartel, District Manager
Rocky Knippling, Watershed Coordinator
Matt Cavenee, Watershed Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Attached list.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion carried.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Chairman Klimisch asked if any Directors had a conflict of interest regarding any agenda item.

The following conflict(s) were announced:

- Agenda Item #8a – Funding request from Ducks Unlimited to repair a dike in Yankton County:
Chairman Klimisch

The following was disclosed at the January 9, 2019 annual meeting and is ongoing until otherwise disclosed:

- Director Robert Braun is currently employed by the City of Aberdeen
- Director Mike Wiese is currently a Brown County Commissioner
- Chairman Dan Klimisch is currently a Yankton County Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ralph Borkowski, Planner for the City of Huron, gave an update on the 3rd Street dam improvement project, the rock in the riverbed has been completed and the recirculating currents at the dam has been eliminated.

APPROVAL OF January 9, 2019 MINUTES: Motion by Director R. Braun, seconded by Director Amundson to approve the Minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE FROM US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON UPSTREAM RESERVOIRS AND 2018 RELEASES:

Jessica Batterman from US Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha gave an update on the upstream reservoirs and 2019 releases. A medium flow year is predicted, as designated in the Water Control Manual for Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs. The maximum combined releases from Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs will be 750 cfs and releases will be adjusted based on rainfall and snowmelt runoff.

UPDATE ON THE DAVISON CONSERVATION & US FISH AND WILDLIFE: GRAZING MANAGEMENT: Chuck Pyle with the US Fish and Wildlife Service gave an update on the Grazing Management Project. In 2018, \$108,730 was spent, with 8 landowners participating and a total of 1,487 acres impacted.

Chairman Klimisch turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Stanley.

DUCKS UNLIMITED: REPAIR DIKE IN YANKTON COUNTY: Randy Meidinger, Regional Biologist with Ducks Unlimited was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$32,000 for repairing and expanding a dike in Yankton County that will have the capacity to store over 60 acre-feet of water in a wetland encompassing about 45 surface acres immediately adjacent to the James River. Total cost to repair and expand the dike is \$64,000. **Motion** by Director Millan, seconded by Director Amundson to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$21,334, not to exceed 33% of the total project costs to Ducks Unlimited for repairing and expanding a dike in Yankton County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Absent: Klimisch) (Nay: Koupal).** These funds will expire on March 21, 2021.

Vice-Chairman Stanley turned the meeting back over to Chairman Klimisch.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY – DALE LEHR: Dale Lehr, landowner in Hutchinson County, is requesting project assistance funds in the amount of \$19,247 to repair a dam in Sweet Township. Total cost to repair the dam is \$25,663. **Motion** by Director Wiese seconded by Director Bauer to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$19,247, not to exceed 75% of the total project costs, to Dale Lehr to repair a dam in Hutchinson County. **Motion carried on a role call vote (Nay: Amundson).** These funds will expire on March 21, 2021.

DUCKS UNLIMITED: RESTORE 9 WETLANDS IN BEADLE COUNTY: Randy Meidinger, Regional Biologist with Ducks Unlimited was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$39,000 to restore 9 wetlands on a half section of land in Beadle County located 3 miles west of the James River. The 9 wetlands combined have a total surface area of about 27 acres and have a storage capacity of about 50 acre-feet of water. Total cost to restore the wetlands is \$52,000. **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Bauer to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$26,000, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs to Ducks Unlimited for restoring 9 wetlands in Beadle County. **Motion carried on a role call vote.** These funds will expire on March 21, 2021.

SD GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PROGRAM: PUMPS: Tim Cowman, State Geologist with SD Geological Survey was present to request project assistance funds in the amount of \$8,626.50 to replace eight pumps in the Statewide Ground Water Quality Monitoring Network. Of the 144 wells in the Network, 13 are in the James River Water Development District and 8 of those wells have pumps that have failed or are failing. The Network has been in operation since the early 1990s and provides data to be used for long-term and short-term trends in ground water quality. Total cost to replace eight pumps is \$22,027.25. **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director R. Braun to authorize cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$8,626.50, not to exceed 50% of the total project costs to SD Geological Survey Program. **Motion carried on a role call vote.** These funds will expire on March 21, 2021.

SOUTH CENTRAL WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATE: Rocky Knippling updated the Board on the South Central Watershed Project.

- Staff has been meeting with City of Mitchell in regards to the Firesteel Creek project
- The District received \$73,790 in 604(b) for the South Central Water Quality Monitoring project. The Grant Agreement between JRWDD and SD DENR was signed on March 14, 2019 by Chairman Klimisch and will expire on September 30, 2020.

DISTRICT UPDATE: Staff and Directors reported on the following activities of the District:

- Included in the board packet, by Dave Bartel, was a log of meetings attended, project site visits and other items he has been working on.
- Culvert & bridge replacement: District will not be participating in projects related to replacement of culverts and bridges, but may consider helping with engineering fees and bank stabilization with a project.
- Staff is looking at replacing one of the vehicles that no longer adequately serves the needs of the District. Additional Information will be provided at the May meeting.
- Director Wiese reported on Senate Bill 77, which was passed on March 11, 2019: A person may not be a candidate for nomination or election to more than one public office in the same election, except that a person may be the candidate for any public office and the office of President of the United States, vice president of the United States, director of a water development district, or director of a consumer power district.

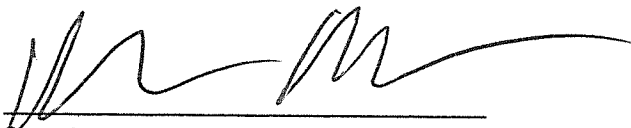
TREASURERS REPORT: **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director R. Braun to approve the January 2019 financials as printed. **Motion carried.** **Motion** by Director Wiese, seconded by Director Amundson to approve the February 2019 financials as printed. **Motion carried.**

BOARD OF DIRECTOR AND STAFF REIMBURSEMENTS: **Motion** by Director Koupal, seconded by Director Wiese to approve staff and Director expenses. **Motion passed.**

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held May 9, 2019 in Mitchell, SD at 9:00 am.

ADJOURN: Being no further business, Chairman Klimisch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary

JAMES RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

*** Sign-In Sheet ***

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: **March 21, 2019**

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