



East Dakota Water Development District

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MINUTES
November 16, 2006

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) held a regular meeting on November 16, 2006, at the Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Plant, 4500 North Sycamore, Sioux Falls, SD. Chairman Dempsey called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The following persons attended:

Directors Present

Dave Bennett
Lois Brown
Bill Dempsey
Doug Feten
Vincent Flemming
Martin Jarrett
Kay Kassube
John Weidler

Others Present

Scott Anderson, Minnehaha County Planning and Zoning Office
Shirley Flemming, Florence
Steve Freeling, Vermillion Basin Water Development District
Bob Kolbe, Minnehaha County Commission
Trent Lubben, Water Reclamation Plant
Ben Shouse, Sioux Falls Argus Leader
Robert Todd, Lake Co. Long-Range WQ Planning Committee

Directors Absent

Curt Eggers

Staff Present

Jay Gilbertson
Pat Hammond

Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda - **Motion** by Flemming, seconded by Kassube to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes - The Board reviewed the Minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting. It was noted that the meeting agenda had been amended, adding a presentation on fences across the Big Sioux River. The Manager indicated he would change the Minutes accordingly. **Motion** by Feten, seconded by Weidler to approve the Minutes as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed the October 2006 Financial Report (Attachment A). **Motion** by Bennett, seconded by Brown to accept the October 2006 Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Dempsey then asked that the report be placed in the District files.

Report of Meetings and Conferences - Chairman Dempsey and Directors Jarrett and Weidler attended the Eastern South Dakota Water Conference in Brookings on November 1 and 2.

Chairman Dempsey attended a State Conservation Commission meeting in Pierre on November 9.

The Manager briefly commented on the following meetings he attended:

1. October 20 - Minnehaha County. Inventory of fences crossing the Big Sioux River.
2. October 24 - Watertown. Codington County Commission discussion of USGS gaging stations.
3. October 30 - Trent. Nitrate sampling at Joe Redder farm.

4. November 1&2 - Brookings. Eastern South Dakota Water Conference.
5. November 8 - Pierre. Nonpoint Source Task Force meeting. Federal FY 2007 grant review and recommendations.
6. November 9 - Brookings. SD Lakes and Streams Association Board of Directors.
7. November 14 - Madison. Lake County Long-range Water Quality Planning Committee.

Upcoming Meetings -

1. **November 16 - 7:00 p.m.** - City Hall, Watertown. Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Advisory Board.
2. **November 16 - 7:00 p.m.** - Public Library, Madison. Lake County Lakes Associations Government Relations Committee.
3. **November 17 - 1:00 p.m.** - Ramkota Convention Center, Pierre. Missouri Sediment Action Coalition Annual Meeting.
4. **November 29 & 30** - Chamber of Commerce Building, Pierre. SD Water Management Board.
5. **November 30 - 1:00 p.m.** - Huron. James River Water Development District Board of Directors.
6. **December 7 - 11:30 p.m.** - Ramkota Convention Center, Sioux Falls. Ag United for South Dakota Annual Meeting.
7. **December 9 - 8:30 a.m.** - Jackpot Junction Hotel, Morton, MN. Minnesota River Basin Projects AREA II/Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting.
8. **December 14 - 1:00 p.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. SD Lakes and Streams Association Board of Directors.
9. **December 21 - 1:00 p.m.** - EDWDD Office, Brookings. December EDWDD Board of Directors meeting.

Payment Requests - The Manager presented one payment request:

City of Madison - At the March 2006 meeting, the Board agreed to provide District cost-share assistance of 20% of the costs (up to a maximum of \$6,690) of a preliminary engineering study of the City's wastewater treatment facilities. The City has submitted its initial payment request for \$5,159, which is 20% of the \$25,792 to-date project costs. **Motion** by Brown, seconded by Weidler to authorize payment of \$5,159 to the City of Madison as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Pending Rural Area 4 Director Vacancy - At the end of December 2006, the director position for Rural Area 4 will be vacant. Rural Director Area 4 includes all of rural Moody County, along with parts of eastern Lake and northern Minnehaha Counties. Neither Director Bennett nor any other resident of Rural Area 4 circulated a petition. The Manager reviewed the process for filling the soon to be vacant position. The first step is to have the Board declare a vacancy. Then a Notice of Vacancy is placed in the appropriate District newspapers. The notice includes a description of Rural Director Area 4, procedures for obtaining a nominating petition, a timeline for submitting the petition, and the selection process. Interested individuals must collect 25 valid signatures on the petitions. Once submitted, the Manager verifies that petitions are complete and accurate. The Board selects a replacement from those who submit valid petitions. The appointed person serves through the end of 2008.

The Manager requested authorization to advertise the pending vacancy in the three newspapers that cover the area (Moody County Enterprise, Sioux Falls Argus Leader and Madison Daily Leader). He proposed

setting a deadline of January 5, 2007, for nominating petitions to be filed at the District office, with Board action to fill the vacancy at the January 18, 2007, meeting.

Motion by Kassube, seconded by Brown to acknowledge the pending vacancy in Rural Director Area 4, to authorize publication of the Notice of Vacancy, to require that all applicants for the vacancy submit their petitions to the EDWDD office no later than January 5, 2007, and to set the January 18, 2007, Board meeting as the time to appoint a new Director for Rural Area 4 from those that submit valid petitions. Motion carried unanimously.

Coverage of Environmental Issues by the Sioux Falls Argus Leader

Ben Shouse, a reporter for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader newspaper, spoke to the Board about how the paper decides what to cover, using a variety of recent environmental issues as examples. He noted that newspapers are about providing information, which often might include presenting things some people may not want to see in print. They also strive to “shed light, but not heat” on important topics, such as livestock development in the Big Sioux River basin. He noted that most of the newspaper’s customers do not have the time to sift through all of the information that is available, and the paper often ends up trying to distill down to a few brief paragraphs large volumes of data. He gave, as an example, recent reports on the presence of trace chemicals in the Big Sioux River, and the implications on human health. Finally, he stressed that while he often seeks to tell people what to think about, he does not want to tell them what to think, although some readers mistake narrative for opinion. He concluded by encouraging the Board to forward any story ideas or issues that the paper’s readers might find important. The Manager noted that one of the key points we learned in our opinion survey earlier in the year is that there is a real need to get more information out to the public.

Vermillion River Watershed Assessment

Steve Freeling, Vermillion Basin Water Development District Watershed Project Coordinator, reviewed their watershed assessment actions. They have completed two years of water quality samples at various river and tributary sites. They have also completed biological and physical habitat surveys of the monitoring sites with help from EDWDD staff. Land-use modeling for the project has been contracted out to RESPEC, a consulting firm in Rapid City. Staff are currently reviewing field and lab data and gathering information on the animal feeding operations in the area. He noted that the project was scheduled to end in the spring of 2007, with the completion of a final report and draft TMDL reports.

First Occurrence of Aquifer Materials in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Metropolitan Growth Area

Deputy Manager Pat Hammond reviewed the recently released map of the First Occurrence of Aquifer Materials in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Metropolitan Growth Area. The publication was prepared by the South Dakota Geological Survey, as a joint request by the City of Sioux Falls and the District. The map updates what the City is presently using in its shallow aquifer protection efforts. It is presented at a scale of 1:24,000, which allows a greater level of detail than previously available. It also provides a seamless transition to the map used by Minnehaha County in its areas of jurisdiction.

The map is presently available from the SDGS. Printed copies can be purchased (Aquifer Materials Map #23), or it can be downloaded at: http://jurassic2.sdgs.usd.edu/pubs/pdf/AM-23_20061106.pdf

EDWDD Watershed Projects Updates

The Manager reviewed the status of the District watershed assessment and implementation projects. Deb Springman continues work on the final report on the results of the East Oakwood Lake assessment and TMDL study. Angela Guidry has finished water quality sampling for 2006 for the Big Sioux Watershed Project, and continues to work with project area landowners to install appropriate best management practices. Both presented talks on their efforts at the Eastern South Dakota Water Conference on November 1 & 2.

The Manager requested that the Board allocate \$1,000 in District project assistance funds toward contractual services for the Big Sioux Watershed Project. **Motion** by Brown, seconded by Flemming to allocate \$1,000 toward the project as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

The Manager reviewed the final results of his survey of the Big Sioux River, Flandreau Creek and Split Rock Creek to determine if fences that crossed the water had the requisite gates according to South Dakota Codified Law 43-17-38. The result will be forwarded to the Water Rights Program at DENR.

Adjournment

There being no further District business, Chairman Dempsey declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Doug Feten, Secretary

**East Dakota Water Development District
Custom Summary Report
October 2006**

	Oct 06
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4050 · Grants	
4080 · State	25,000.00
Total 4050 · Grants	25,000.00
4100 · Tax Rev	
4140 · Current Tax Revenue	8,508.44
4150 · Prior Tax Revenue	118.09
4160 · Miscell. Tax Revenue	93.04
Total 4100 · Tax Rev	8,719.57
7010 · Interest Income	1,807.74
Total Income	35,527.31
Gross Profit	35,527.31
Expense	
5500 · Big Sioux River Implementation	
5515 · CBSRWIP Water Quality Analysis	767.00
5525 · CBSRWIP Travel	
5526 · Gas for project	299.99
5525 · CBSRWIP Travel - Other	108.00
Total 5525 · CBSRWIP Travel	407.99
5530 · CBSRWIP Professional Fees	4,066.92
Total 5500 · Big Sioux River Implementation	5,241.91
6050 · Vehicle Expense	
6052 · Lease Expense	292.91
6056 · Vehicle Mechanical/Parts	3,900.55
Total 6050 · Vehicle Expense	4,193.46
6070 · BOD Travel & Ent	
6072 · BOD Travel	292.27
Total 6070 · BOD Travel & Ent	292.27
6080 · Capital Outlay Items	
6082 · Equipment and Furniture	211.82
Total 6080 · Capital Outlay Items	211.82
6240 · Equipment Rental	
6241 · Copier Lease/Rental	350.40
Total 6240 · Equipment Rental	350.40
6530 · Miscellaneous	177.15
6535 · Misc. Supp/Equip for EDWDD proj	362.90
6540 · Maintenance	
6541 · Office Maintenance	275.00
Total 6540 · Maintenance	275.00
6550 · Office Supplies	337.90
6560 · Payroll Expenses	
6563 · Payroll Taxes	1,238.97
6561 · Retirement	145.13
6562 · Health Insurance	2,104.44
6564 · Retirement Admin Co. 2	193.04
6560 · Payroll Expenses - Other	6,861.76
Total 6560 · Payroll Expenses	10,543.34
6565 · Payroll Expenses for Board	600.00
6566 · Payroll Expenses Technical	
6570 · Retirement Technical Asst. - Co	409.54
6571 · Technical Asst. Employ. 2 Co.	193.04
6566 · Payroll Expenses Technical - Other	9,662.58
Total 6566 · Payroll Expenses Technical	10,259.16
6640 · Professional Fees	
6645 · Temporary Service	42.56
6640 · Professional Fees - Other	180.00
Total 6640 · Professional Fees	222.56
6690 · Rent	
6691 · Office Rent	1,500.00
6692 · Postage Meter	391.00
Total 6690 · Rent	1,891.00
6880 · Telephone	
6881 · Cell Phone	141.34
6882 · Office Phone	337.61
Total 6880 · Telephone	478.95
6900 · Travel & Ent	194.49
6940 · Utilities	
6970 · Trash Removal	73.67
Total 6940 · Utilities	73.67
Total Expense	35,705.98
Net Ordinary Income	-178.67
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
8050 · Project Expenditures	
8065 · USGS Gaging 2006 05	12,424.00
Total 8050 · Project Expenditures	12,424.00
8700 · Uncommitted Project Funds	
8705 · BSRW Implementation Proj 06	451.88
Total 8700 · Uncommitted Project Funds	451.88
Total Other Expense	12,875.88
Net Other Income	-12,875.88
Net Income	-13,054.55

