

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

January 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Anthony Roorda on January 25, 2023, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were John Schock, Dennis Clark, and Anthony Roorda. Members present by phone were Arlyn Schmidt and Joel Lees. Abbagail Geroux, Secretary of the Board, was also present. In addition, Kirk Grimm appeared by phone representing the City of Spiritwood Lake.

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The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the December 28, 2022, regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by John Schock and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Next, the Board discussed old business. Abby Geroux updated the Board regarding its Cd's at Unison Bank. Ms. Geroux indicated Joel Lees was able to make contact with Unison Bank to obtain a better interest rate for our Cd's. Unison Bank agreed to provide the Water Resource Board with a 4% interest on its Cd's. Based on this, Abby Geroux and Anthony Roorda went to Unison Bank in order to confirm the new interest rate. This was consistent with the prior Boards motion from December 28, 2022 indicating their desire to maintain the Cd's at Unison Bank if they were able to match the rates. Arlyn Schmidt requested to know if this rate was comparable to the rates of other institutions. Anthony Roorda indicated that it was. A motion was made by Arlyn Schmidt to accept the rate of Unison Bank and Anthony Roorda noted that the prior motion from December 28, 2022 was sufficient and therefore no second was made and the motion died for lack of a second.

Next, the Water Resource Board addressed the Spiritwood Lake feasibility report. Ms. Geroux addressed the Board and indicated she received the final report for the Spiritwood Lake and Alkili Lake feasibility project from Chris Korkowski on January 24, 2023. Because of the time line, she did not have the ability to schedule Mr. Korkowski to appear at the meeting and was also aware the Board would not likely have time to fully review the large document that was presented to the Board. Ms.

Geroux did give a brief outline of the document. She did note that on page 22 of the report there was some discussion points regarding the difficulty obtaining very good data on the various contributing water bodies and data on the outflow of water from Spiritwood Lake and that this may be an appropriate measure to obtain better data as to have a better understanding of how all of the lakes interact with each other in the event there is an ability to do a project in the future. There was discussion by the Board regarding their desire to see if there was an improvement at the outlet of Alkili Lake if there would have positive impact on the surrounding community. Anthony Roorda indicated he did briefly read the materials but did not come to a satisfactory answer on this particular issue. Ms. Geroux indicated that from prior conversations with Mr. Korkowski, they anticipate there to be a moderate benefit but it would not provide any assistance in significant flooding events. There was also discussion regarding the impact of Cysewski Slew. Kirk Grimm indicated that Cysewski Slew does not flow into Spiritwood Lake until the roads around Spiritwood Lake is underwater. Therefore, it is not a factor to the water levels of Spiritwood Lake. Kirk Grimm also indicated he was able to review the majority of the report and was in agreement with the Board that the option of buying out some of the low-lying property did not appear to be an appropriate option. Discussion was had to allow the Board members additional time to review the report and gather any questions they might have and then at the next meeting they will determine if they would like to have Mr. Korkowski be available by phone or otherwise.

Next, Ms. Geroux discussed a letter she received from the Upper Sheyenne Board regarding the yearly dues. She indicated that these dues are paid on a yearly basis, calculated based on the portion of the County's mill. The amount of money that was due this year was \$1,505.98. The Board indicated their desire to pay this bill and there was also some significant discussion regarding the Lidar program that was presented from the International Waters Institute to the Board this Summer. The Board requested Ms. Geroux to see if there had been any interest from any other counties in the water shed basin and to report back to the Board with any findings. Ms. Geroux did convey to the Board the cost proposal that was shared with her at the summer meeting and there was some discussion about the ability to potentially cost share with various entities and a desire to look into connecting either a part or all of the project with cost share from other interested parties.

Next, the Board reviewed the bills and financials. Ms. Geroux did go over the income and expenses for 2022. It was noted the Board was under its budget as it appeared this had been a relatively quiet year for the Board. Upon review of the bills and financials, John Schock moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to approve. Motion passed.

CHECK NUMBERS

- 1. Dalsted & Ryan - \$ 432.50 #2887
- 2. Upper Sheyenne River Joint W.R.B. \$1,505.98 #2888

Seeing as there was no further business before the Board, John Schock moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ABBAGAIL GEROUX
Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes this ____ day of _____, 2023.

JOEL LEES, Chairman, or
ANTHONY ROORDA, Vice-Chairman