

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

January 26, 2022

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Vice Chairman Anthony Roorda on January 26, 2022 at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were John Schock, Dennis Clark, Anthony Roorda, and Greg Spenningsby. Present by phone was Joel Lees and Arlyn Schmidt. Abbagail Geroux, Secretary of the Board, was also present. Additionally, BJ Kratz of North Dakota Game and Fish Department was present, and Shirley Krapp of the City of Spiritwood Lake appeared by phone.

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The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the December 29, 2021 regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by John Schock and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

BJ KRATZ OF ND GAME AND FISH- IDLE SPEED ON ALKALI LAKE

The next item on the agenda was to address the request from BJ Kratz regarding Alkali Lake and idle speed only. BJ Kratz talked to the Audobon Society, who owns access to Alkali Lake, about putting in a primitive boat ramp, to alleviate parking issues around that area and the neighboring landowner. It was noted that a number of individuals were parking on the side of the road, making it very difficult for traffic to flow through on the main road. Therefore, they were looking at obtaining an access easement for ninety-nine years on Audobon land. This would allow for a parking area with room for up to twenty spots. If they put this in, they were seeking discussion on placing limitations on the type of activities that could be conducted on the lake. There was discussion about making this an idle speed only lake to prevent wakes. The purpose of the idle speed only would be to maintain the area as wildlife friendly as possible, while also allowing fishermen access to the area. Board members noted that they had observed significant amount of congestion up by Szarkowski's land and agreed that the access would help resolve some of those congestion issues. The Board further agreed that it appeared to be appropriate to limit the speed on Alkali Lake to idle speed only, particularly in light of the anticipated easier access to the lake. BJ Kratz indicated that

he visited also with the Township, and the Township was in favor of limiting the speed of the lake. Therefore, John Schock moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to provide Mr. Kratz with a letter of support. Motion passed.

TEN MILE LAKE OUTLET PROJECT

Next, Ms. Geroux addressed the Board on the outcome of the Ten Mile Lake project. Ms. Geroux noted that the votes for the Ten Mile Lake project had been tallied, and that the vote did not pass. Therefore, the Ten Mile Lake project would not be moving forward at this time.

TEMPORARY DRAINAGE PERMITS EXPIRING

The next order of business was to review a number of temporary permits that had expired. Ms. Geroux indicated that she received a carbon copy of a number of notices to various townships, letting them know that their temporary drainage permits, which were obtained last year, were expired, and that the State was seeking confirmation that the drains had been closed. If they had not received that confirmation, they anticipated conducting a site visit in the spring to confirm its closure. This was an informational item so that the Board would be aware in case there may be questions of the Board in the future.

CITY OF SPIRITWOOD LAKE DRAINAGE APPLICATION

Next, Shirly Krapp addressed the Board. She indicated that she recently had contact with Matt Lindsay, who was inquiring about the approval process for the drawdown project, and their permanent drainage application. Mr. Lindsay indicated that an engineer was actively reviewing the application at this time, and was hoping to have a response in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Krapp asked if the Water Resource Board had received any further communication from Mr. Lindsay. Ms. Geroux indicated that she had not received any further communication regarding the Spiritwood Lake project at this time.

BILLS, FINANCIALS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next the Board addressed the bills and financials. Dennis Clark moved and John Schock seconded a motion to approve the bills and financials as presented. Motion passed.

Ms. Geroux updated the Board of the process for identifying

all of the Water Resource Board files and documents. She indicated that this process has now started and that once of the documents have been properly identified, she will visit with the Board to discuss the next steps in the matter.

CHECK NUMBERS

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| 1. Joel Lees - \$209.97 | #2841 |
| 2. Arlyn Schmidt - \$349.24 | #2842 |
| 3. John Schock - \$259.54 | #2843 |
| 4. Dennis Clark - \$541.82 | #2844 |
| 5. ND Water Resource Districts Association - \$675.00 | #2845 |
| 6. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$460.74 | #2846 |

Seeing no further business before the Board, meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ABBAGAIL GEROUX
Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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