

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

March 27, 2024

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Anthony Roorda, on March 27, 2024, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were Arlyn Schmidt, Dennis Clark, Anthony Roorda, and John Schock. Joel Lees was present by telephone. Additionally present were Greg Spenningsby, board alternate, and Abbigail Geroux, secretary of the board.

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The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by John Schock and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Ms. Geroux noted that she received a Notification of Tiling upon the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 142, Range 65 and upon the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 142, Range 65 with an outlet on the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 142, Range 65. The land to be tiled will be 41 acres. The individual submitting the Notification was Andrew Fraase. This Notification of Tiling is presented to the Water Resource Board. No action is taken regarding this Notification.

Ms. Geroux also noted that she anticipates that a Tiling Application will be presented to the board at its April meeting. She also added for the board that the North Dakota Legislator increased the minimum tiling application costs from \$50.00 to \$500.00 if the board desired to raise its application fee. No action was taken at this time.

Ms. Geroux then reported to the board regarding the Crystal Lake/Stink Lake Feasibility Study. Ms. Geroux indicated that Alexis Faber was not able to conduct a feasibility on the project until 2025 based on the State's work load, however, the State will be implementing some monitoring on the area to collect data on the level of the lake. Ms. Faber indicated they

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anticipate coordinating this effort with the Crystal Lake campground. Additionally, if the Stutsman County Water Resource Board desired to move forward with a feasibility study, the State would require surveying despite the thorough documentation provided by Mr. Loosmore. The engineer's office would require their own surveyor to confirm any data that has been previously collected. Ms. Geroux explained that the cost for the feasibility study for the surveying would be paid for by the entity requesting the feasibility study and the calculations and analysis done by the engineer would then be paid for by the State. Again, it was noted that Kidder County does not desire to pay any sums towards the feasibility study given that the ability to have a feasibility study conducted this year is not possible, it was determined that this matter could get revisited later at the end of the year if there continues to be a desire for a future investigation in this area.

Next John Schock indicated his attendance for the Spiritwood Lake Hypolimnetic Drawdown Project. John Schock provided documentation that was presented at that meeting regarding the 2023 plan of operation discharge plan in addition to the operation and maintenance plan. John Schock indicated that the required testing will be conducted by a private lab out of Fargo. If the testing determines that the water does not meet certain standards, it can take about a week before the City of Spiritwood Lake would know. But, at that point, it would shut off the drawdown project. In addition, if the sample shows that there is any dead bugs or minnows in the sample, the project will be immediately shut off. It was noted that other than the test run that occurred in the fall of 2023, the Hypolimnetic Drawdown Project has not currently operated. They anticipate that they will begin operation when the lake waters have warmed up to a specific level.

Next, Dennis Clark reported on the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Resource District. Dennis Clark indicated that there was a bid opening that happened on March 6, 2024. At this bid opening, they were going to be doing a bid opening to do bank stabilization for two sites that had been identified. At the bid opening, landowners for one of the sites appeared, including a township supervisor. Those individuals indicated that they had no awareness that this project was happening. This presented some concerns because there was a potential need for notification and perhaps even Easements in order to conduct this particular project on that site.

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Dennis Clark indicated that there were a number of emergency meetings with the landowners and also with regard to the lowest bidder on the project. Ultimately, as a result of those meetings, only one site will move forward with the bank stabilization in Nelson County.

Dennis Clark indicated he attended a total of seven meetings and was requesting payment for five of those meetings.

Joel Lees then reported to the board that Bill Anderson called him indicating that they recently lost the appeal that was filed by Sue Backer and the Court ordered them to put in a larger culvert.

Additionally, the board received a notice of a Sovereign Land Permit Application for Jamestown Park and Recreation to construct a culvert across a park road to outflow to the James River in the area of the McElroy Park. This information was presented to the board members and no action was taken based on the same.

FINANCIALS

The board then reviewed the bills, financials, and vouchers. John Schock moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to approve the bills, financials, and vouchers. It was indicated that Joel Lees did not provide a voucher for any meeting that he attended for this quarter. The board also indicated approval of the additional meetings that Dennis Clark appeared with the Upper Sheyenne Board. Motion passed.

CHECK NUMBERS

1. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$395.00	#2928
2. Arlyn Schmidt - \$232.83	#2929
3. John Schock - \$331.67	#2930
4. Anthony Roorda - \$280.24	#2931
5. Dennis Clark - \$916.35	#2932

Next, there was discussion by the board regarding a site visit to Spiritwood Lake when the Hypolimnetic Project is up and

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operational, looking potentially for the June meeting. John Schock indicated he would visit with the Spiritwood Lake City Council and determine if that would be a possibility.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ABBAGAIL GEROUX
Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes this ____ day of _____,
2024.

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