

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

April 24, 2024

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman, Joel Lees, on April 24, 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 Joel Lees, Anthony Roorda, John Schock, and Arlyn Schmidt. Additionally present was Chad Kleinknecht, landowner, and Abbagail Geroux, secretary/treasurer for the board.

**MINUTES**

The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024, regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by Anthony Roorda and seconded by John Schock to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**W-650-APPLICATION TO INSTALL A SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUBMITTED BY CHAD KLEINKNECHT**

The board addressed the tiling application presented from Chad Kleinknecht for the North Half of Section 4, Township 142, Range 65, Stutsman County, North Dakota. Mr. Kleinknecht presented the application to the Water Resource Board. It was noted that the tiling would occur on the North Half of Section 4 with a pipe drain of waters off of the North Half through Section 5 and into a natural waterway. It was noted that Chad Kleinknecht was not the owner of all of the property where this pipe is going to be moving through, however, we did receive on file easements from those individuals indicating they are providing approval for the pipe. It was also noted that Mr. Kleinknecht had also provided a tiling notification at their last meeting for a different property for tiling under 80 acres. John Schock moved and Anthony Roorda seconded a motion to approve the tiling application with the board's standard conditions. Motion passed.

**UPPER SHEYENNE BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

It was presented to the board that the Upper Sheyenne, at the request of Stutsman County, will now have attorneys participate for any portion of those projects found within the district or the project. The local attorney for the Water

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Resource Board District will be the attorney for the project located in that district and the local Water Resource Board will then be responsible for paying that attorney's fees. The board indicated that they were comfortable with this arrangement and questions arose about regarding how its future board members were to change on the Joint Board, how those members would be aware that this was a rule of the board. A motion was made to request Abby Geroux to prepare an Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement reflecting this change. The motion was made by Anthony Roorda and seconded by John Schock. Motion passed.

**SPIRITWOOD LAKE**

There was additional discussion regarding the Spiritwood Lake hypolimnetic drawdown project. It was mentioned at the last meeting a desire to go review this project in person. The board anticipates scheduling a site visit after its June meeting which is scheduled for June 26, 2024. There will be some further discussion at the meeting to see if that time will work. John Schock noted that the drawdown project has now started up and he anticipates that it will running through June because of the elevation of the lake. Again, John Schock shared his thoughts on the meeting that he attended for the hypolimnetic drawdown project presented by the City of Spiritwood Lake and the Game & Fish Department.

**FINANCIALS**

The board then reviewed the bills, financials, and Joel Lees' voucher. It was noted in the financials that the six month C.D. will be maturing prior to their next meeting. The board reviewed the current C.D. rates for the six month and they were comfortable with having that C.D. rollover into the new C.D. rate and therefore no further action would be taken. Anthony Roorda moved and Arlyn Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the bills and financials, which included Joel Lees' voucher. Motion passed.

**CHECK NUMBERS**

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| 1. IRS - \$126.22                    | #2933 |
| 2. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$1,167.50 | #2934 |
| 3. Joel Lees - \$385.43              | #2935 |

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There being no further business before the Board, Anthony Roorda moved and Arlyn Schmidt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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ABBAGAIL GEROUX  
Secretary

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The board approved the minutes this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2024.

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