

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

May 25, 2022

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman Joel Lees on May 25, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were Joel Lees, John Schock, Dennis Clark, and alternate Greg Spenningsby. Abbagail Geroux, Secretary of the Board, was also present.

MINUTES

The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022, regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by John Schock and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

REVISION TO AGENDA TO INCLUDE 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ms. Geroux identified for the board that an item came to her attention that would require prompt review at this meeting. Ms. Geroux explained that she received information regarding the 2023 budget which was required to be presented to the county by June 24, 2022. Since the board does not have any other meeting prior to June 24, 2022, this would be the only meeting for the board to review it without a special meeting. She indicated that the paperwork had been provided to her after the notice of the agenda was sent out to all the board members. Based on the timing requirements of the county, John Schock moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to approve the addition to the agenda of review and approval of the 2023 proposed budget and levy request to the county. Motion passed.

TILING APPLICATION FROM PAUL CYSEWSKI

The board addressed the tiling application from Paul Cysewski. Joel Lees and John Schock indicated that they were very familiar with the property. They noted that all the tiling will run into a slough on the owner's land. Eventually, this water flows into Spiritwood Lake. It was noted that Joel Lees and John Schock were aware that the land downstream connected to this slough is also owned by Mr. Cysewski and no notice to downstream landowners was required. Based on this, Dennis Clark

moved and John Schock seconded a motion to approve the tiling permit as present. Motion passed.

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ms. Geroux provided the Board with documentation of the prior year's expenses. It was noted that during the 2020-2021 winter season, the Board saw an increase in emergency drainage applications and also requests for participation in an assessment process. The Board also went through a formal application to drain process as well during that time. This appeared to be a reason for some of the significant increases in costs. The Board noted that the Board's costs fluctuate, depending upon the amount of requests that come before the Board. It was noted this year so far the Board has been relatively quiet, but this could change depending upon the amount of precipitation that the county receives throughout the rest of the summer as well.

Ms. Geroux noted also that the letter she received from Ms. Alonge did not appropriately include the correct amount of money that the Board was basing its calculations off of. Ms. Geroux indicated that she based her calculations off of her 2022 proposed budget and as allowed by the county, she included a 2% increase within the budget proposed in front of the Board.

Again, it was noted that the Board's costs and expenses fluctuate with the number of meetings that it must attend and any other issues that are presented to the Board, which can be relatively difficult to predict. It was noted that the Board's current mill levy portion is .24 mills, which appears to be low in comparison to other Water Resource Boards across the state, but until a significant project which would require Water Resource Board funds is presented to the Board, they felt that staying within the guidelines as requested by the county was appropriate at this time.

Based on that, John Schock moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed.

Next, the Board discussed general changes occurring at the Department of Water Resources regarding the reorganization of individuals and an update on past projects.

BILLS, FINANCIALS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

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

CHECK NUMBERS

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| 1. Joel Lees - \$263.20 | #2855 |
| 2. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$935.00 | #2856 |

There being no further business before the board, Dennis Clark moved and John Schock seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 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