

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

November 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman Joel Lees on November 24, 2021 at approximately 9:05 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were Anthony Roorda, John Schock, Arlyn Schmidt, Dennis Clark, and Joel Lees. Abbagail Geroux, Secretary of the Board, was also present. Additionally, Josh Hassell from Moore Engineering appeared by phone.

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The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 regular meeting. Upon review, a motion was made by Anthony Roorda and seconded by Arlyn Schmidt to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

TEN MILE LAKE PROJECT

The next item on the agenda was the Ten Mile Lake Outlet Project. Ms. Geroux provided a brief background to the Board regarding the purpose of the meeting. Ms. Geroux indicated that she was contacted by Dave Mutschler regarding his concerns about some land found within the proposed assessment map for the Ten Mile Lake Project. There was discussion regarding his concerns related to how his property was benefitted by the project and the process that he could follow in order to protest including his property within the project. It was important to note that Mr. Hassell indicated Mr. Mutschler did receive notices of the project and discussed the property and Mr. Mutschler's concerns. It was noted that currently there would be no action taken regarding his concerns until after the vote. If the vote indicates that the project will be moving forward, Mr. Hassell desired to look into the matter further. Mr. Mutschler believes there is a ditch running along the property that moves the water South, away from the project. Mr. Hassell said that if it was true, then it would be his opinion that it should not be included with the project and would make that recommendation to Barnes County. Mr. Hassell noted none of the lidar indicated a ditch existed nor did he encounter this information through his work on related projects.

Mr. Hasell then provided a brief timeline of what the next

couple of months could look like for the project. Ms. Geroux asked if they had applied for any funding at this point. Mr. Hassell indicated that the funding that they intend to apply for would not be available until after the permits have been obtained, so they are unsure if funding is available for the project at this time.

UPPER SHEYENNE RIVER JOINT PROJECT

Next, Dennis Clark addressed the progress of the Upper Sheyenne River project. It was also noted that the Upper Sheyenne River's Board will be meeting at the same time as the annual meeting, and the Board desired to allow Dennis Clark to attend the annual meeting if he so desired. Anthony Roorda moved and Arlyn Schmidt seconded a motion to authorize Dennis Clark to attend the annual meeting, to include reimbursement for hotels, meals, and mileage per the Board's policies and any costs related to the registration of the annual meeting. Motion passed.

MISC. BUSINESS

There was then discussion regarding December's monthly meeting. It was noted that the Board would hold its December monthly meeting on December 29th at 4:00 p.m. as part of the Board's tradition for its December meeting. Dave Mutschler then appeared and Arlyn Schmidt left the meeting early. Dave Mutschler indicated that he conducted a further review of the property in question and it appeared that the pipe was on the other side of the watershed. There was further discussion regarding the process of the project and the location of Mr. Mutschler's land in relation to the project and the benefits it might receive from it. Mr. Mutschler then left the meeting.

BILLS, FINANCIALS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next the Board addressed the bills and financials. Anthony Roorda moved and John Schock seconded a motion to approve the bills and financials. Motion passed. There was again discussion regarding the low funds in the Water Resource Board's checking account. The Board has indicated they will continue to monitor it and will likely take out one of the C.D.'s soon in order to pay some of its upcoming bills.

CHECK NUMBERS

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| 1. USDA - \$600.00 | #2837 |
| 2. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$1,120.50 | #2838 |

Seeing no further business before the Board, Dennis Clark moved and Anthony Roorda seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ABBAGAIL GEROUX
Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes this ____ day of _____,
2021.

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