

**MCHEMRY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2024**

Present: Dave Ashley, Jon David Olson, David P. Haman, Terry Krumwiede, Murray Pfau, Lorinda Haman. Also present was DuWayne Larson.

Chair Ashley called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in the McHenry County Weed Board Office in Towner.

D. Haman/Pfau moved to approve the agenda after clarification that Item D Annual Work Plan under Treasurer's Report should be listed under Unfinished Business. Motion Carried.

At this time, Chairman Ashley recognized DuWayne Larson giving him the floor to explain what is happening with his lot at Buffalo Lodge Lake. Larson provided pictures and a written explanation of events. Earthmoving work is being done by his neighbor. His concern is that there are no erosion control measures in place and that sediment is filling up his property as well as being pushed into the lake. Pfau has been onsite and confirmed the findings. Ashley informed Larson that there is a question of jurisdiction in this matter. Larson was asked to complete the Complaint For Water-Related Issues form. The Water Board members will then address the drainage and water related issues in the complaint. Ashley will contact the McHenry County Zoning Board and Roger Effertz concerning this matter.

Larson left the meeting at 8:10 am.

Reading of the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were dispensed with and moved to approve per motion by Pfau/Haman, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Financial Statements for February and March were reviewed and approved as moved by Haman/Krumwiede. Roll call vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Bills to approve: Ashley submitted a voucher. Pfau/Olson moved to approve payment. Roll call vote: all voting yes. Motion carried.

Certificate of Deposit Renewal: L. Haman informed that Board that the CD was renewed for 5 years at a rate of 3.75 percent interest.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Weir Gate: Work is to be completed this summer. A temporary water block will need to be installed in order to complete this project.

Falsen Township Riverbank Erosion: Nothing. A question was asked if this was a project that the Souris River Joint Water Board could become involved with.

Temporary Water Permit: Border States Paving, Inc had used more water than allowed on the initial permit therefore an additional permit was required.

An updated copy of the Annual Plan of Work was distributed to all directors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES:** Ashley discussed work being completed by the Souris River Joint Board. The encroachment on the levy near Velva was discussed. The work completed deviated from the plan that was approved by the McHenry County Commissioners and the City of Velva. Due to the work done, the City of Velva could lose federal levy accreditation and causes a potential of loss of life. North Prairie Regional Water leadership has not allowed the

SRJTB to make a presentation to their Board. SRJTB is pursuing other options to discuss this with the NPRW Board.

The work on the Velva bridge is now slated to begin in 2025.

SRJTB members met with members of the Eaton Irrigation Board to discuss conveyance issues with the dam. The Joint Board will be undertaking a scope of study. The cost is estimated at \$190,000 which will be covered by the Joint Board. This action was agreed upon by both boards.

Farm-Trapped Water Program: Pfau is serving on this committee under the Souris River Joint Board. He reported that over \$1,000,000 is to be spent on projects in McHenry County. Producers applied for this funding last fall. The site needs to be over 10 acres. Murray further explained how the program is a work in progress addressing each situation as deemed necessary.

Ashley informed that Board that he participated in a special meeting with the ND Water Resources Association to appoint a new chairman.

Contribution to the Souris River Joint Board was discussed. Pfau/Haman moved to contribute \$50,000. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Krumwiede indicated that a rock crossing will be installed on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Voltaire.

The summer meeting will be held in Minot July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Ashley will be speaking during the tour for this event which will begin at Lake Darling and end in Minot.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8 AM in Towner.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM per motion by Haman/Olson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Haman, Secretary