

**MCHEMRY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2024**

Present: Dave Ashley, David Olson, David P. Haman, Terry Krumwiede, Murray Pfau, Lorinda Haman.

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

Pfau/D. Haman moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Low Head Dam and Township Assistance under New Business. Motion carried.

Reading of the minutes of the April 9th meeting were dispensed with and moved to approve per motion by Haman/Olson, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Financial Statements for April and May were reviewed and approved as moved by Pfau/Krumwiede. Roll call vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Bills to approve: Ashley, Olson, Haman and Krumwiede submitted payment vouchers. Lorinda Haman submitted payment voucher. Haman/Pfau moved to approve vouchers. Roll call vote: all voting yes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Weir Gate: Work is delayed due to weather conditions.

Falsen Township Riverbank Erosion: No work done on this project to date.

DuWayne Larson Complaint: Ashley discussed situation with Effertz and Wittmeyer. Some of the issues have been cleaned up by the landowner after discussion with him. Krumwiede visited with the Zoning Board on this problem since the majority of this problem is under their jurisdiction.

Mill Levy Application: Haman/Krumwiede moved to not apply for a 2025 mill levy. Roll call vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

ND Water Resource Districts Association Summer Meeting: Ashley reviewed events to take place including a tour he will be providing on the Souris River Basin Project.

Board members were reminded of the Water Tours scheduled throughout North Dakota this summer. Ashley participated in an Interim Water Topics Committee tour in Minot where they visited a site commemorating the 1969 and 2011 flood levels with a sign.

Temporary Water Permits: Knife River Materials for road construction in the W2-6-151-76 and in SESE-22-151-75. Permits expire 12/31/2024.

**BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

Olson received a complaint against Daryl Duchsherer for pushing cattails and trees on his property in the NE-7-151-80 with the pile being close to a culvert on his land. This action should not cause drainage problems on other surrounding landowners.

Krumwiede: Greg Haga contacted him about the City of Velva drainage affecting a corner of his property. The City of Velva instructed him to contact the McHenry County WRD. Ashley and Krumwiede will visit the site.

Michael Bechtold contacted Krumwiede regarding a request for a culvert in the NE-5-152-80. He had talked to the Township Board who denied the request. Ashley and Krumwiede will work with the Township and Bechtold to resolve this issue.

Ashley: Randy Schnase of Schiller Township requested assistance with replacing a collapsed culvert in the abandoned railroad bed in Section 3-152-75. Olson will inspect this site and contact Ashley with his findings.

Ashley has been making presentations to the Interim Water Topics Committee addressing the soaring bid prices far exceeding the engineers estimates. He is also working with the City of Minot and the Roosevelt Zoo with the continuation of the flood control project taking place.

Low Head Dam: A letter from the ND Water Resources Regulatory Division was discussed. It indicated a low head dam near Velva that has not been modified nor signage installed. Ashley and Krumwiede remarked that the dam was destroyed with the 2011 flood. Ashley will check into its existence for clarification.

Township Assistance: Berwick Township submitted to payment applications for culvert installations. The contractor billed each installation at \$900 with \$500 of that cost being eligible for cost share. Haman/Pfau moved to pay \$400 per installation for a total of \$800. Roll call vote: all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Berwick Township submitted two new applications for cost share consideration. Upon reviewing the applications, Pfau/Olson moved to approve them. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 8 AM in Towner.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM per motion by Krumwiede/Pfau. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Haman, Secretary