

**MCHENRY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Present: Dave Ashley, Jon 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.

D. Haman/Pfau moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Finance Report; CD Renewal, 2025 Mill Levy; Annual Work Plan and ND Water Resources Letter. Motion Carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Statements for December and January were reviewed and approved as moved by Krumwiede/Olson. Motion carried.

Pledge of Securities report of 12/31/23 was reviewed.

Bills to approve: None

Certificate of Deposit Renewal: Discussion was held on renewing for 19 months at 4.75 percent or leaving as a 5-year CD at 3.5 percent rate. L. Haman instructed to check rates and renew for 5 years if interest is at 3.5 percent or more, if less than 3.5 percent to renew for 19 months as moved by Haman/Olson. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Weir Gate: Ice is too thin to complete work. Site will continue to be monitored.

Falsen Township Riverbank Erosion: No quotes presented at this time.

Brown Township Financial Assistance Application: Krumwiede reported that the project has been completed and that the County has reimbursed the Township for all expenses. The application is declared closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD ACTIVITIES:

Board Reorganization: Pfau/Olson moved to leave board as is with Ashley as Chairman, Haman as Vice Chairman and L. Haman as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Board salary and mileage were discussed. Haman/Pfau moved to remain at \$140 per meeting and \$165 for overnight meetings. Roll Call vote: all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Water Permit: Border States Paving, Inc. permit ND2023-21863 was received via email on 12-26-23. Period of usage was dated 5/18/23 through 10/15/23. Application approval dated 12/21/23. L. Haman will send an email to State asking for clarification on the dates.

The Summer Meeting for the ND Water Resources Districts will be held in Minot, ND July 10-11, 2024. The Souris River Joint Board is currently seeking tour options for the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES: Ashley discussed work being completed by the Souris River Joint Board, log jams upstream of Velva, and the Verendrye Bridge. He also informed the Board of the International Souris River Board challenges with Saskatchewan. A nuclear power plant is being planned for just north of North Dakota.

The 2025 mill levy application tabled as per motion by Haman/Pfau until the June meeting.

The 2024 Annual Work Plan was reviewed and adopted with the addition of “and appropriate notification will be given” under Item 2 of Special Meetings as per motion by Haman/Olson. Motion carried.

A letter from the Department of Water Resources and State Water Commission was discussed. A Water Development Plan for 2025-2027 is being prepared. Any potential projects should be submitted by April 30, 2024 to be included. Discussion was held on possible funding help for the Eaton Irrigation Project.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 8 AM in Towner.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM per motion by Pfau/Olson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Haman, Secretary