

Dickey County Water Resource District

MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023

8:00 am

The Dickey County Water Resource District met at the Dickey County Courthouse in Ellendale, ND at 8:00 am on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Managers Steve Hansen, Keith Hauck and John Quandt were all present at the Courthouse. Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, and Nathan Trosen, the Moore Engineering representative, joined via video conference. Managers Justin Gemar and Don Zimbleman were absent.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order.

***Annual Operating Plan/Dams***

Manager Hansen presented the board with 2023 Operating Plan forms to be filled out by the board for the Pheasant Lake Dam and Gemar Dam. Nathan Trosen mentioned that other water boards that he represents fill these out as well. Manager Hansen mentioned he would handle filling out the forms on behalf of the board and get them sent out.

***Dickey County Drain #1 pumping options***

Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering representative, gave a brief update on the permitting options for installing temporary pumps at the outlet of Dickey County Drain #1. He reached out to ND Department of Water Resources to see what permitting options there would be for the pumping site. ND Department of Water Resources advised Nathan that an analysis would be beneficial, to make sure there would be no impacts to downstream landowners that could potentially be affected with the pumping site. It was recommended this analysis be done for any permitting to be approved either emergency or permanent. Mr. Trosen gave the board an estimated cost of \$7500-\$10,000 to conduct the analysis and apply for any permitting. If DWR deems any application to be of "statewide significance," the permitting process would be lengthier and the cost would be higher as a result. The process for applying for an emergency permit this spring could take a week for processing but the permanent application process could take 3-6 months. It was advised that Manager Gemar, because he resides and is a landowner in this area, reach out to other landowners and see what their feelings would be for the potential use of the assessment dollars.

***Legislative update***

Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, gave a brief update on a couple of bills that were presented in this legislative session that could negatively impact the water resource districts in our area. Some of those bills have been changed in their respective committees but no permanent decisions have been made on

any of them. Mr. Fredricks made mention he felt our legislative representatives in this area are doing a great job advocating for Dickey County.

***January Meeting Minutes***

Manager Quandt moved to approve the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***Financial statement/Bills***

The board considered bills from Wendy Willprecht of \$650, Ohnstad Twichell of \$290, and Moore Engineering of \$645. Secretary Hansen gave the financial report. Manager Hauck moved to approve the financial report and bills. Manager Quandt seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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Steve Hansen, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Judy Hansen, Secretary