

Dickey County Water Resource District

MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2023

8:00 am

The Dickey County Water Resource District met at the Dickey County Courthouse on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Managers Steve Hansen, Keith Hauck, Don Zimbleman, Justin Gemar and John Quandt were all present at the meeting. Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney and Nathan Trosen, representative of Moore Engineering, joined via video conference. Also joining on the video conference call was Eric Larson and Josh Hassell. Andy Lacina and Chad Ulmer were present at the meeting as well.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order.

Andy Seyer Utility Permit

Andy Seyer Utility Permit Application (Dickey-Sargent):

Fredricks and Trosen prepared a proposed UTILITY PERMIT in response to Mr. Seyer's water appropriation permit application. Seyer wants to draw water from the Jackson Improvement Project to use for irrigation. His proposed project will require installation of project components on the Dickey-Sargent Joint WRD's project right of way. The UTILITY PERMIT contains indemnity and repair obligations for Mr. Seyer and, with that in mind, Mr. Seyer would have to repair any damages to the Drain and would have to indemnify the Board for any liability. The Sargent County WRD previously approved the UTILITY PERMIT. Manager Quandt moved to approve the UTILITY PERMIT. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Dickey County Drain #1

Manager Gemar presented the board with another request to move forward on adding a pumping site at the end of DC Drain #1 in order to pump excess water into the Maple Creek to alleviate the overland flooding into landowner property during major flood events. Manager Quandt suggested adding a temporary pump to make sure that adding all the expensive infrastructure would be the right decision by the board. Manager Quandt estimated adding the permanent pumping site could reach \$500,000 with the pump maybe only being used for a minimal time frame. The board asked Nathan Trosen, the board's Moore Engineering representative, to reach out to the ND Water Commission to seek permission or their opinions on the matter. Nathan Trosen mentioned the board or project would need a permit, an emergency permit, to add the infrastructure but would need to wait until spring to prove the project is an emergency. A temporary Pump or permanent pump would require a permit to pump water in this situation. There was discussion on the board finding or leasing a tractor and pump from someone to temporarily drain that area and there were a few options to pursue.

Wright Township

Manager Hansen addressed guest, Chad Ulmer, as to the status of their project they have contacted the board with on adding a drain in Wright Township and Mr. Ulmer mentioned the project is on hold as of now.

Moore Engineering/Ohnstad Twichell Rate Increases

Nathan Trosen addressed the board with the rate increases presented by Moore Engineering. Mr. Trosen thanked the board for their great working relationship. The rate increases would range from \$5-\$10 per project depending on the work being requested.

Sean Fredricks also addressed the board with his request for project rate increases of \$10 per project. He also mentioned his appreciation of the great working relationship he has with the board. Manager Zimbleman moved to approve the rate increases presented by Mr. Trosen and Mr. Fredricks. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Notice of Application

Manager Hansen presented the board with Notice of Application/Application for Appropriation of Water from Ground Water from Randy Sell and Were Family LLP. These were just informational for the board and no decisions need to be made.

Legislative Update

Sean Fredricks gave the board an update of the new bills being presented in the legislature that could potentially impact water resource districts in the future. House bills 2037 and 1239 were two mentioned and also 1391 would be a big bill that could impact boards as well. Mr. Fredricks encouraged the board to reach out to their representatives to let them know the boards stance on such bills.

Board Elections

Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, opened nominations for the Chairman seat on the Dickey County Water Resource Board. Manager Zimbleman nominated Manager Hansen for Chairman. There being no other nominations, upon roll call, all were in favor of Manager Hansen as Chairman of the Dickey County Water Resource District. Manager Gemar nominated Manager Hauck as Vice-Chairman of the Water Resource Board of Dickey County. There being no other nominations, all were in favor of Manager Hauck as Vice Chairman. Sean Fredricks also made mention that Manager Hansen had been appointed to a director seat on the ND Water Users Board. The board then considered representatives to the Joint Water Board, Dickey/Sargent Joint Board. Manager Hauck moved to keep Manager Hansen, Manager Quandt and Manager Gemar as directors representing Dickey County and Manager Zimbleman as an alternate. Upon roll call, all were in favor of the nominations.

Meeting Minutes

Manager Quandt moved to approve the December 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Manager Gemar seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report/bill and vouchers

The board considered one bill from Moore Engineering of \$92.50. Secretary Hansen gave the financial report. Manager Gemar moved to approve the bill and financial report. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

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

APPROVED:

Steve Hansen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Judy Hansen, Secretary