

Dickey County Water Resource District

MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2022

8:00 a.m.

The Dickey County Water Resource District met at the Dickey County Courthouse in Ellendale, ND at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Managers Steve Hansen, Justin Gemar, Keith Hauck and John Quandt were all present at the courthouse. Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney and Josh Hassell, representing Moore Engineering joined via video conference as well as manager Don Zimbleman.

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order.

Thank you to Norm Haak

Manager Hansen addressed the board about thanking Norm Haak properly for his dedicated years of service to the Dickey County Water Resource Board by presenting him with a plaque. Norm is not able to make the trip to Ellendale so manager Hansen will present Mr. Haak with the plaque at his home in the upcoming days.

Manager Hansen formally welcomed the newest appointed manager to the Dickey County Water Resource Board, John Quandt, who is replacing Norman Haak that announced his retirement to the board. Manager Zimbleman, whose term was up, was also reappointed to the board.

State Development Plan

Moore Engineering representative, Josh Hassell, gave explanation of the State's Water Development Plan and that if the Dickey County Water Resource Board has intentions of any new projects for which the Board will seek state cost-share, the Board should submit a list with those projects for inclusion in the Water Development Plan. The State Water Commission will not typically consider projects for cost-share if they are not included on the Water Development Plan, at least not initially. The board will discuss any ideas and bring them to the next meeting.

Moore Engineering updated rates

Moore representative Josh Hassell also gave discussion on a proposed rate increase; Moore Engineering didn't raise their rates last year, and would like to request an increase this year due to the competitive job market in the region. A list of project rates was submitted for reference. After some discussion, manager Hauck moved to approve the new rates. Manager Zimbleman seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Operating Plan-Dams

The Dickey County Water Resource Board is required under law to submit operating plans for the dams that they manage. Nathan Trosen, the Board's engineer, completed operating plans for Gemar Dam and Pheasant Lake Dam on the Board's behalf and submitted them to the Department of Water Resources.

Dickey/Sargent Joint Board Representatives

Manager Hansen brought to the attention of the board that at last month's meeting, Norman Haak, was voted on behalf of the board to be one of three representatives to sit on the Dickey/Sargent as an appointee but then resigned from the board later in the meeting so that the board should reappoint the three member and alternate for clarification. Manager Hauck moved to appoint Manager Quandt to replace Norm Haak as one of the managers, along with Manager Hansen and Manager Gemar as the other two full-time appointees, and Manager Zimbleman as the alternate. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Josh Hassell gave a small update on the Sargent County Drain 11 assessment proposal. There was no new information other than they are still going over comments and or complaints but would keep proceeding.

Josh Hassell and Attorney Fredricks left the meeting and Manager Zimbleman was disconnected so left the meeting as well.

January Minutes

Manager Gemar moved to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Bills

The board considered bills from Ohnstad Twichell of \$1990.26 and Moore Engineering of \$ 740.00, also added was the bill for Dickey County Treasurer for real estate taxes of \$28.21. Secretary Hansen gave the financial report. Manager Gemar moved to approve the financial report and bills. Manager Hauck seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Manager Quandt had some questions as to the maintenance assessments and rates which led into discussion of using funds from the assessment of Dickey County Drain #1 to replace a culvert on the lower end of drain. Manager Gemar will check with Moore Engineering as to the status of that culverts specifications, and the board can determine if it will help that drain function more effectively.

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

APPROVED:

Steve Hansen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Judy Hansen, Secretary