

**Renville County Water Resource Board**

Minutes of RCWRB Regular Meeting, October 9, 2023, held in the Community Room of the Renville County Courthouse, 205 Main Street East, Mohall, North Dakota.

Present:

Chair Peter Gates

Vice Chair Dan Steinberger

Manager Guy Solemsaas

Attorney Kale Van Bruggen (via video conference)

Engineer Jennifer Malloy (via video conference)

Robin Stark, Treasurer

Meeting called to order by Chair Peter Gates at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Peter Gates called for any corrections or additions to the agenda. Vice Chair Steinberger noted he had two letters of complaint to add to the Letters of Complaint portion of the agenda. Hearing no other additions or corrections, the Chair declared the agenda approved as amended.

The minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Vice Chair Steinberger moved to approve the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Manager Solemsaas seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried.

Treasurer Robin Stark reported on an update from the 2021 payroll tax issue. The District received an invoice from IRS with a late penalty. Manager Solemsaas moved to pay the IRS invoice for payroll taxes. Vice Chair Steinberger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Chair Peter Gates – aye, Vice Chair Dan Steinberger – aye, Manager Guy Solemsaas – aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Robin Stark presented the bills for approval by the Board. Manager Solemsaas moved to approve payment of bills as presented. Vice Chair Steinberger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Chair Peter Gates – aye, Vice Chair Dan Steinberger – aye, Manager Guy Solemsaas – aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Stark reported the income since the last meeting, including checking account and savings account balances and the balance of the Assessment Drain No. 1 account.

New Business: Attorney Van Bruggen (Rinke Noonan Law Firm) reviewed the draft 2024 Meeting Schedule Resolution. Vice Chair Steinberger moved to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule Resolution. Manager Solemsaas seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried. Van Bruggen will file the Resolution with the County Auditor and request it be posted at the meeting room.

**DRAFT/UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Souris River Joint Board: Vice Chair Steinberger reported on a road crossing replacement located at 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW along Highway 52 in Section 28, Township 158N, Range 86W, Renville County, North Dakota. Steinberger noted concerns over the crossing capacity and with ice jams.

Vice Chair Steinberger brought two letters of complaint:

1. On the south side of Section 17, Township 158 North, Range 86 West, the township road authority replaced a 36" crossing with another 36" crossing a year and a half ago on a minimum maintenance road that is used frequently in the township and by the Air Force. Steinberger noted there was a quick run-off this spring and the road over-topped. Steinberger requested the township re-evaluate the size of the culvert, but the township reported that since the road did not wash out, the township was not concerned about the culvert size.
2. On Section 20, Township 158 North, Range 86 West, the township is in the process of replacing an old culvert. The crossing is about 16-inches off the bottom of the ditch and retains water on the west side of the road instead of the east side of the road. Engineer Malloy (Apex Engineering) and Attorney Van Bruggen (Rinke Noonan Law Firm) noted that crossings should be placed at the grade or even slightly below.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Steinberger. The motion was seconded by Manager Solemsaas. On voice vote, the motion carried. Having completed all business on the noticed and amended agenda, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on January 8, 2024.

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Peter Gates, Chair

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Kale R. Van Bruggen, Secretary