

# **LAKE KAMPESKA WATER PROJECT DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**January 15, 2026**

**12:15 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present at the meeting were the directors, namely: Jeff Ranum, Mark S. Roby, and Bret Holien. Bradley D. Johnson was present via zoom. Also, present Katie M. DeBoer.

Bret Holien presided as chairman and Katie M. DeBoer acted as secretary.

The chairman called for approval of the minutes of the last meeting on October 1, 2025. Upon motion made by Roby, seconded by Ranum and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved.

Next was approval of a donation to the Big Sioux Water Festival Donation (\$500.00). Upon motion by Roby, seconded by Ranum, and carried unanimously, the donation was approved.

Discussion took place about the 2026 funds available for shoreline stabilization projects. Lake Kampeska Water Project District will work with the City of Watertown and intends to contribute up to \$50,000.00 to support future shoreline stabilization efforts at Lake Kampeska for 2026. The District will work with the City of Watertown if there is a need to replenish the funds. Upon motion made by Roby, seconded by Ranum, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted for 2026:

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-1**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that the standard formula for reimbursement for shoreline stabilization requests will be paid at \$75.00 per linear feet for a first-time shoreline stabilization project for rip rap material. Reimbursement of a project will not pay more than the project cost. If the property has already had shoreline stabilization completed on the property, the request may potentially be considered for remodel/repair/replacement of prior funded projects, but it will not be at a rate of \$75.00 per linear feet.

DeBoer presented the 2025-2026 gaging station cost sharing agreement received from the U.S. Geological Survey. Upon motion made by Roby, seconded by Ranum, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-2**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that the proposed 2025-2026 contract for maintenance of one streamflow gaging station, two seasonal flood monitoring stations and one elevation monitoring station, by the United States Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, South Dakota Water Science Center, for a cost of \$7,510.00, is approved. The Chairman authorized and directed to execute the contract.

Discussion took place regarding the City Park Drain Tile System. The Board would like to write a letter to the City and inquire on how the system is intended to work and what measures will be taken by the City to protect the lake. Upon motion by Roby, seconded by Ranum, and carried unanimously, the Secretary was instructed to draft a letter to the City of Watertown Engineer office to inquire about an update on the project, how the system is intended to work and how they intend to protect the quality of water at Lake Kampeska. No further action was taken.

Extensive discussion took place regarding Board succession planning. Due to the passing of Board Chairman, Gregory K. Blow, the Chairman position needs to be filled prior to the annual Board meeting. Upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Roby, and carried unanimously with Holien abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2026-3

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that Bret Holien will be the Board Chairman until the annual election of officers will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Board in April.

Additional discussion took place regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting and individuals who have expressed interest in joining the Board to fill the open seat of the Board prior to the petition process prior to the Annual Meeting. No further action was taken.

The current pending shoreline stabilization projects were discussed. Reimbursement of the completed project located at 924 North Lake Drive was discussed. Upon motion by Roby, seconded by Ranum, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reimbursement payment of \$5,775.00 to be paid immediately.

Discussion took place regarding a new shoreline stabilization request located at 1278 South Lake Drive. The Board would like to request additional information (before photos of the property) from the homeowner prior to approval of the shoreline stabilization request. No further action was taken on the shoreline stabilization request until additional supporting documentation is received.

Discussion took place regarding developing policy statements and a mission statement for the Board. The Board would like to get input from the District at the annual meeting. No further action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was, on motion, adjourned.

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Katie M. DeBoer  
Secretary