

LAKE KAMPESKA WATER PROJECT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 29, 2019
7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The directors of the Lake Kampeska Water Project District hosted the annual meeting of the District. Members of the board of directors present at the meeting were: Paul I. Hinderaker, Bradley D. Johnson, Mark Messerli, Mark S. Roby, Gregory K. Blow and Doug Modica. Also present were Secretary-Treasurer Paula R. Newman, as well as several members of the District and the public.

Paul I. Hinderaker acted as chairman of the meeting, and Paula R. Newman acted as secretary.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the last annual meeting on April 24, 2018. Upon motion made, seconded, and carried without opposition, a waiver of the reading of the minutes was approved and the minutes were approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the financial report. Some discussion was held concerning the gaging stations the District pays for annually. Upon motion made, seconded, and carried without opposition, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The next order of business was the election of directors upon expiration of terms of Roby, Blow and Modica. Mark S. Roby filed a complete and timely nominating petition. As the seat was not contested, the chairman declared the candidate elected. The chairman explained that, because no timely and complete petitions were submitted for the seats of Blow and Modica, their successors will be appointed by the directors at their meeting immediately following the meeting of the District.

Roger Foote, from the Upper Big Sioux Watershed Project, reported to the District that on the day of the meeting he had received 17 applications for shoreline restoration and protection assistance from property owners around Lake Kampeska. He anticipated many more would be coming in because of the damage caused around the lake by spring flooding. He explained the assistance is paid at a rate of \$32.00 per linear foot. He also explained how that number was initially calculated and stated the number has not been increased since the \$32.00/foot rate was established. He reminded the District that the money for that program comes from support UBSRWP receives from the District and the District can change the rate if it deems a change appropriate. He also stated that the Project is short \$55,000.00 in funding for the assistance, based on applications received to date.

Roby addressed the group concerning flood control. He reported on conversations Mayor Sarah Caron told him she had recently with Governor Noem and Senator Thune concerning the subject. He reported that Thune is interested in the District's flood control issues. Roby promoted action to motivate State and Federal delegates to work to bring the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers back to the area to complete studies necessary before the project may be funded. Upon motion made, seconded and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the District, with Roby's assistance, is authorized and directed to write to Senators Rounds and Thune, and Representative Johnson, requesting action to move forward with completion of flood control studies necessary for construction of flood control projects for the benefit of Lake Kampeska.

Johnson, who is a member of the State of South Dakota Water Management Board, also addressed the group concerning flood control. He explained that flood control for Lake Kampeska is a congressionally mandated project, and funds will be available to move forward with the project if the studies are completed. He stated that there are elements that need to be updated and incorporated into the studies, such as the Big Sioux Flood Information System. The system includes modeling of the river created by RE/SPEC engineers from Rapid City through the efforts of the Water Management Board. The system helps predict and mediate flooding. He added that RE/SPEC may ask the District to contribute to enhancing the system in the District's area.

Dana Loseke, Chairperson of the Friends of the Big Sioux River, presented a slide show program about the organization. Subjects he covered include:

- The membership, financial and strategy growth of the organization since it was formed, including the attainment of tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization.
- The purpose of the organization – to make the Big Sioux River swimmable by 2025.
- The organization's water testing efforts and publication of those results on the organization's website in a format that is easy to read.
- Greenway buffer education and projects including a project at the Lutheran Social Services' site in Sioux Falls.
- Land use projects, including assessment and mapping of buffer strips to determine the effectiveness of buffer strips.
- New, expanded water testing at Palisades State Park.
- Information about the sources of nitrates in the Big Sioux River, and the problems caused by nitrates.
- The organization's efforts at advocacy, education and collaboration to promote its mission, which includes a goal of creating a governmental clean water fund at the state level.

Johnson thanked Loseke for his presentation and the work of his organization.

Discussion was held about water levels at Lake Kampeska, such as whether and how the level can be manipulated to prevent flooding, and the functions of the two weirs that serve Lake Kampeska.

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

Paula R. Newman
Secretary

Terms of directors:

2017-2019 Wiles, Johnson
2018-2020 Messerli, Hinderaker
2019-2021 Roby, _____ and _____, (to be appointed)