

LAKE KAMPESKA WATER PROJECT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

12:15 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present at the meeting were the directors, namely: Gregory K. Blow, Mark Messerli, Mark S. Roby, Jeff Ranum, Doug Modica and Paul I. Hinderaker. Also present during the meeting were secretary-treasurer Katie M. DeBoer and guests.

Gregory K. Blow presided as chairman and Katie M. DeBoer acted as secretary.

The chairman welcomed the guests to the meeting.

The chairman called for approval of the minutes of the last meeting on July 10, 2024. Upon motion made by Hinderaker, seconded by Ranum and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved.

There were no invoices/bills to be approved.

Next was an extensive discussion on the Corps of Engineers Flood Control Update. The Corps of Engineers Flood Control Report was released today, September 9, 2024, to the public, and the 30- day comment period began on September 9, 2024, where organizations like Lake Kampeska Water Project District and citizens can provide feedback on the report. Discussion was held about the mailer that was sent out by the Corps regarding their Open House scheduled for September 17, 2024, to explain the report to the public. After the 30-day comment period, the Corps will refine their report, and their final report is slated to be released early 2025.

In their initial analysis of the flood control process, the US Army Corps of Engineers presented ten options. The top option presented was to manipulate the level of Lake Kampeska and lower the lake level by 8/10ths of a foot in last summer/fall. There is little to no analysis as to whether it is even possible to lower the lake in the time frame as presented. The nine other initial options presented would provide no protection for the lake. All options currently presented would negatively impact Lake Kampeska. Discussions took place about how the US Army Corps of Engineers would like to re-classify the 1997 flood down to a 47-year event versus a 95-year event which would impact flood maps and ultimately impact flood insurance requirements. LKWPD members have had conversations with members of the City Council about the impact this reclassification would have on flood insurance requirements.

Additional discussions took place about a potential Mud Creek diversion project which would divert Mud Creek flows downstream prior to flowing into Lake Kampeska. Also discussed was how the Corps plans did not include consideration to modify or improve water flow along and under the Sioux Conifer Road even though previously the State of South Dakota hired

RESPEC engineering to build a \$1 million Big Sioux River flow model that shows Sioux Conifer Road is one of biggest bottlenecks to the Big Sioux River. Discussion took place pertaining to the upcoming 14th Avenue Bridge project; it appears that the plan is to widen and strengthen the 14th Avenue Bridge, but no information was presented for flood mitigation.

Lake Kampeska Water Project District Board needs to encourage and get a message to the lake residents to attend the public input meeting. Discussion took place about hiring Borns Group to put together a postcard to mail to all the lake residents. DeBoer will reach out to the Director of Equalization for the most current mailing list and work with Borns Group to send out a postcard about the Corps public meeting to be held on September 17, 2024. Ranum will work on designing banners to be posted at various points around the lake informing the lake residents and the public to attend the September 17, 2024, meeting.

Discussion took place regarding an action plan on how to inform the lake residents of the US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Plan once it has been released. Once the plan has been released to the public, the LKWPD Board will put together a statement and email the statement to the individuals on the mailing list. No further action was taken.

A brief discussion took place on the status of hiring a Lake Kampeska Water Project Coordinator as there has been no progress on the topic. No action was taken.

The Board was presented via email with an invoice for reimbursement for a shoreline stabilization project on a house located at 640 S Lake Drive outside of the meeting timeframe. The Board voted via email and a motion was made to approve participation of up to 30% of the \$4,500 rip rap material of the project for the current request for the shoreline stabilization project. Upon motion by Modica and seconded by Roby, and ayes from Ranum, Hinderaker, Blow, and Messerli, and Bradley D. Johnson not voting, the reimbursement request was approved.

The chairman thanked all the guests for coming to the meeting.

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

Katie M. DeBoer
Secretary