

**LAKE KAMPESKA WATER PROJECT DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**October 21, 2021, 12:15 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Present at the meeting were the directors, namely: Gregory K. Blow, Bradley D. Johnson, Mark S. Roby, Jeff Ranum, Doug Modica and Paul I. Hinderaker. Also present during the meeting was Secretary-Treasurer Paula R. Newman. Director Mark Messerli connected to the meeting via speaker phone.

Others present at the meeting included: Katie DeBoer, Bob Drake, Mike Lawrence, Roger Foote of Upper Big Sioux Watershed Project, and the following officials from the City of Watertown: Mayor Reid Holien, City Manager Amanda Mack, City Engineer Heath VonEye, Urban Planner Brandi Hanten, and Councilman Glen Vilhauer.

Paul I. Hinderaker presided as chairman and Newman acted as Secretary.

The chairman called for approval of the minutes of the last meeting on July 26, 2021. Upon motion made by Blow, seconded by Ranum and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the minutes were approved.

Newman presented the 2021-2022 gaging station cost sharing agreement received from the U. S. Geological Survey. Upon motion made by Roby, seconded by Blow, and carried unanimously, with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION 2021-5**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that the proposed 2021-2022 contract for maintenance of four stream flow gaging stations by the United States Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, South Dakota Water Science Center, for a cost of \$6,730.00, is approved. The Chairman authorized and directed to execute the contract.

Newman requested authority to pay the contracted amount for the 2020-2021 gaging station cost sharing agreement. Upon motion made by Johnson, seconded by Roby, and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION 2021-6**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that payment of the upcoming invoice from by the United States Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, in the amount of \$6,665.00, for of the 2020-2021 contract for maintenance the stream flow gaging stations by the United States

Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, South Dakota Water Science Center, is approved to be paid with \$6,000.00 from budgeted funds for the contract, and \$665.00 from water quality project budget funds.

The next matter discussed was payment of an invoice for web services. Upon motion made by Blow, seconded by Modica, and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-7

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that payment of the \$550.00 invoice from Mark Messerli, for one year of service designing and updating the District's website, is approved.

The next matter discussed was the position of advisor to the board which is currently held by John R. Little. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-8

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that Gregory K. Blow shall serve as advisor to the board.

Roby reported on his attendance of a meeting of the Enemy Swim Preservation Association in Partnership with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department, on September 28, 2021. Discussion was held concerning zebra mussels. No action was taken.

The next matter discussed was the correspondence received from EutroPHIX concerning its phosphorus removal and mitigation solutions. Upon motion made by Blow, seconded by Ranum, and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-9

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that Gregory K. Blow is authorized and directed to contact EutroPHIX to obtain information about its products and services.

The next matter discussed was the search for a new Secretary-Treasurer to replace Newman, whose service will end in December 2021. Upon motion made

by Johnson, seconded by Roby and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-10

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that Katie DeBoer shall immediately begin serving as Secretary-Treasurer concurrently with Newman, and solely after December 31, 2021. DeBoer shall be compensated \$100.00 per month for her services.

Discussion was held concerning the progress of development at Stony Point. VonEye, Drake and Lawrence provided information. Discussion centered on the planning process and ways the City, the District and the developer can communicate concerning the status of the development project as it continues No action was taken.

Roby and Foote led discussion concerning the status of contracts for buffer strips along the Big Sioux River. Foote reported there approximately 135 eligible properties touching the Big Sioux River and its major tributaries. He suggested the current contract rate is not sufficient to motivate landowners to enroll in the Seasonal Riparian Area Management program. After discussion, and upon motion made by Johnson, seconded by Roby and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that the District shall contribute up to \$50,000.00 to Upper Big Sioux Watershed Project, for the purpose of enhancing up to 10 new Seasonal Riparian Area Management new contracts by adding \$5,000.00 additional funds to be paid to the landowner under each new contract. The District will also entertain paying costs expended by the City of Watertown if the City will participate in marketing the new contracts.

Roby led discussion concerning the ABNR algae removal system. He reported that he believes there are funds at the state level to assist with funding the project, which is estimated to cost \$4,500,000.00. After discussion, and upon motion made by Roby, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that the District shall pursue grant opportunities for the purpose of funding the ABNR algae removal

system. Roger Foote of the Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Project will lead the investigation into grant opportunities. The District may engage First District Development Company in Watertown, South Dakota, to write a grant proposal. The cost of the grant proposal, up to \$5,000.00 shall be paid by the District.

Roger Foote gave a report of the status of applications by property owners for shoreline restoration projects. He reported that approximately \$92,000.00 of the \$170,000.00 granted by the District has been spent. There approximately 40 applications pending review. No action was taken.

Newman requested a motion to add Katie DeBoer as an authorized signor to the District's bank accounts. After discussion, and upon motion made by Johnson, seconded by Modica and carried unanimously with Messerli abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 2021-13

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that the District be authorized to establish accounts at any local bank branch located in Watertown, South Dakota.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that banking transactions, including establishing and operating checking, savings and certificate of deposit accounts, may be conducted by the District upon the signatures of both Chainman Paul I. Hinderaker and Secretary-Treasurer Katie DeBoer.

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

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Paula R. Newman  
Secretary