

LAKE KAMPESKA WATER PROJECT DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

April 13, 2016

12:15 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present at the meeting were five of the seven directors, namely: Bradley D. Johnson, John C. Wiles, Paul I. Hinderaker, Doug Modica and Mark Messerli. Also present during the meeting were Jack Little, Dan Crisler, Ronda Roby and secretary-treasurer Paula R. Newman.

Paul I. Hinderaker presided as chairman and Paula R. Newman acted as secretary.

The chairman called for approval of the minutes of the last meeting on January 8, 2016. The minutes were approved.

Newman presented a request for support from the Big Sioux Water Festival. The District has previously supported the Festival with \$500.00 contributions. Upon motion made by Wiles, seconded by Modica, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that a \$500.00 contribution is authorized for the support of the annual Big Sioux Water Festival.

The next matter discussed was Stony Point Third Addition. The developer has resubmitted his proposal. Upon motion Johnson, amended by Wiles, seconded by Modica, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED: The Lake Kampeska Water Project District, a government body tasked with protecting the water resources of Lake Kampeska, formally asks the Watertown City Council not to approve construction of a new man-made canal into what is known as the proposed Stony Point Third Addition.

The district believes construction of a boat-channel as well as a new drainage system that will funnel storm water from most of the 26 commercial and residential lots proposed and existing on Stony Point toward that channel will introduce significant new pollutants into the lake. The district also believes construction of the canal will do long-term damage to critical fisheries habitat.

The district has retained the services of RE/SPEC Engineering and based on their analysis, believes the combination of significant landscape changes to Stony Point and an artificial channel will have negative effects on the health of the lake.

The district is not opposed to a development that meets all zoning ordinance standards and does not include a man-made canal.

Additional discussion was held about points that may be voiced by directors individually at the April 18, 2016 working session of the Watertown City Council:

The District has spent thousands of dollars on rip rap projects and the weir. The RE/SPEC study validates what the District has done in the past to save the lake.

The South Dakota Wildlife Federation and South Dakota Izaak Walton League are opposed to the development.

Director Hinderaker noted the last work session he attended included a conversation with Mayor Thorson. Hinderaker asked the Mayor for assurance the plat would not be administratively approved. The Mayor agreed.

The Watertown planning and zoning board voted on the proposal both with and without a canal so Watertown City Council could approve one and move it along as a plan with minor grading changes. If the proposed plan is not approved, the developer does not have a plan that may be acted upon by City Council. The developer should come back with a revised plan without a canal so the grading and drainage changes can be seen prior to approval.

RE/SPEC personnel will be present, on behalf of the District, at the April 18 work session.

Initial word from City Council members has been that the some feel that if South Dakota Game Fish & Parks and DENR approve the plat, the City of Watertown should approve it. The City should take the first stand and protect the lake.

The City of Watertown has possession of an engineering report prepared for April 18 work session, but that it has not been released to the public.

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

Paula R. Newman
Secretary