

LAKE KAMPESKA WATER PROJECT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA

JULY 1, 2015

12:15 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present at the meeting were the directors, namely: Bradley D. Johnson, John C. Wiles, Paul I. Hinderaker, Doug Modica, Gregory K. Blow, Sara M. Caron and Mark Messerli. Also present during the meeting were Jack Little, secretary-treasurer Paula R. Newman and members of the public.

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 May 15, 2015. One correction was requested by director Modica. After the correction, and upon motion made by Modica, seconded by Johnson, and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved.

The chairman initiated discussion about the 2016 budget, which must be submitted to the Codington County Auditor before August 1, 2015. After discussion and 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 the fiscal year 2016 budget contain the following line items:

ADMINISTRATION COSTS	0.00
Salaries	\$2,400.00
Meetings and Travel	\$500.00
Office	\$2,500.00
Expense/Administration	
Advertising and Public	\$1,000.00
Notices	
Accountant	\$500.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$6,900.00
PROJECT COSTS	0.00
Water Quality Projects	\$60,000.00
Upper Big Sioux River	\$35,000.00
Water Project	
USGS Gauging	\$6,000.00
Reserve Fund SDCL 46A-	\$5,000.00
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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$106,000.00

TOTAL PROJECT MONEY	\$112,900.00
TAX LEVY REQUEST	\$112,900.00

The next item on the agenda was discussion concerning support for the U.S. Corps of Engineers feasibility study necessary before consideration may be made by the City of Watertown about whether to take action to move forward with construction of the Mahoney Creek Dam, which is a congressionally directed project. Discussion was held about the history of the project, as well as recent communication between U. S. Corps personnel and City officials. The Corps approached City, requesting a written response about City’s interest in participating in the study, which would require City to find funding sources for half of the study costs in the amount of approximately \$420,000.00. Director Caron reported that as the result of two City Council meetings in June, City signed and returned the written response, and that City may be looking for financial support from Lake Kampeska Water Project District for what was estimated during the discussion to be approximately \$105,000.00. Director Johnson reported on his recent contact with Mayor Thorson, and Councilmen Solum and Danforth about the project. Jack Little reported that Councilman Vilhauer, at a recent Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Project, expressed interest in learning about the project, and has also asked to be appointed as the City’s representative director at Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Project.

Following the discussion, and upon motion made by Wiles, seconded by Blow, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that District supports the ongoing implementation of the Mahoney Creek Dam project, in cooperation with federal, state and city governments, as efforts are made to move forward with the congressionally directed project, including the feasibility study and eventual construction of the project.

Discussion was held about the District’s participation in the upcoming Conservation Connection event at the Bramble Park Zoo on July 25, 2015.

Discussion was held about availability of a new proposed plat of the Stoney Point 3rd Addition project. The plat has not been presented to the City of Watertown for approval. Modica presented a copy of the plat he obtained at City Hall. The plat was reviewed and discussed. Director Wiles commented on his recent tour of the area with the developer and others. Johnson added that the developer, Bob Drake, is considering donating the area marked “Block 3”, of the new proposed plat, which contains a wetland area of concern which would be filled if developed in accordance with the proposed plat. The donation, if made, would likely result in preservation of the wetland area.

The floor was yielded to Dana Loseke. Mr. Loseke appeared at the meeting as a representative of Friends of the Big Sioux River, a nonprofit organization. He reviewed his personal and professionally history, and how that history lead to his interests in environmental protection projects. He described Friends of the Big Sioux River as an all-volunteer organization which obtains its funding from membership dues, grants and donations. The organization’s concerns include both agricultural and urban impact on the Big Sioux River, however the organization currently focuses on reducing urban runoff into the river. He shared folders of materials the organization has compiled and disseminates as educational material for the public.

The floor was yielded to Roger Foote, Project Coordinator for Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Project. Foote announced that he has been working on early stages for a plan to organize an entity which will provide water testing services to citizens. He hopes the organization's efforts would result in early action by government officials if private testing reveals areas where investigation and correction may be needed. He asked the group for suggestions about the procedures necessary to form and fund the organization. He estimated a first year budget of \$5,000.00. Discussion was held about possible procedures for organization and early operation of such an organization.

The floor was yielded to Geraldine Adolph. Adolph reported a history of her activities in opposition to the Bronson and Nelson confined animal feeding operations in Grant County. Her recent activity in May and June 2015 included observing that runoff controls at the Bronson dairy had not been implemented, specifically that the 23 acre area at the dairy had not been seeded for grass. She obtained water samples which had high counts of e coli and other contaminants. She filed a complaint with the South Dakota DENR. She reported that since then, grass seed has been planted. She expects the DENR's response to her complaint on or before July 12. She also reported that she is one of the petitioners in a suit in Circuit Court in Grant County, South Dakota, against the Grant County Board of Adjustment and Dustin Nelson. She aims to cause the CAFO permit requests to be reversed and denied by officials, or abandoned by the owner, A.J. Voss. The directors still in attendance, Hinderaker, Modica, Johnson, Messerli and Caron, discussed whether the District could or should join Adolph in her petition. Following the discussion, and upon motion made by Johnson, seconded by Modica, and carried unanimously, with Hinderaker abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Lake Kampeska Water Project District that District is authorized to hire Paul I. Hinderaker, of Austin, Hinderaker, Hopper, Strait & Benson LLP, and pay up to \$5,000.00 for services to review the pleadings in the Adolph action against Grant County Board of Adjustment and Dustin Nelson, and to perform research to determine whether the District should become a party with Adolph in her suit.

The floor was yielded to Ken Madison and Roger Foote, both who described their recent efforts in the Stoney Point development areas. Madison reported that he became concerned about runoff in the area and obtained samples for testing. He said he has since heard Mayor Thorson report that the City of Watertown engineering personnel are handling the situation. Foote described his recent investigation and contact with Scott Jacobson concerning erosion and runoff control in connection with an ongoing project Jacobson has in place for pouring a concrete seawall. Foote reported his encounter was positive and Jacobson responded in accordance with Foote's suggestions.

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

Paula R. Newman
Secretary