

Renville County Water Resource Board

Minutes of RCWRB Regular Meeting, July 8, 2024, held in the Community Room of the Renville County Courthouse, 205 Main Street East, Mohall, North Dakota.

Present:

Chair Peter Gates

Vice Chair Dan Steinberger

Manager Guy Solemsaas (via video conference)

Attorney Kale Van Bruggen (via video conference)

Engineer Jennifer Malloy (via video conference)

Robin Stark, Treasurer

Meeting called to order by Chair Peter Gates at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Peter Gates called for any corrections or additions to the agenda. Hearing no additions or corrections, the Chair declared the agenda approved as presented.

The minutes of the April 8, 2024, special meeting were reviewed. Vice Chair Dan Steinberger moved to approve the April 8, 2024, special meeting minutes. Manager Guy Solemsaas seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried.

Treasurer Robin Stark presented the bills for approval by the Board. Vice Chair Dan Steinberger moved to approve payment of bills as presented. Manager Solemsaas seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Chair Peter Gates – aye, Vice Chair Dan Steinberger – aye, Manager Guy Solemsaas – aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Stark reported the income since the last meeting, including checking account and savings account balances and the balance of the Assessment Drain No. 1 account (\$18.65).

Old Business: Engineer Jennifer Malloy (Apex Engineering) reported she reached out to the Army Corps and Souris River Joint Board to request information on the Mouse River Park Inspection Records but has not received any response. Vice Chair Dan Steinberger will raise it at Thursday's Souris River Joint Board meeting.

Attorney Kale Van Bruggen (Rinke Noonan, Ltd.) reported he had no updates on 2025 legislative proposals discussed at the April Board meeting.

New Business: Engineer Jennifer Malloy (Apex Engineering) reported on maps Apex Engineering created showing flow lines and the watershed draining toward and downstream of the culvert installed by White Ash Township between the SE ¼ of Section 22 and the SW ¼ of Section 23, Township 158 North, Range 86 West (White Ash Township). According to Apex Engineering's reports, the natural flow through the culvert is west to east with a 1,391-acre watershed draining toward the culvert.

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Vice Chair Steinberger met with Gregg Dahle and Larry Goettle who own land in Section 22 impacted by the culvert. Steinberger visited the culvert this morning and reported that the culvert has not changed from original installation. The culvert is deep on the east side and out of the water on the west side, which is reverse of what it should be. Vice Chair Steinberger noted that the west end should be lower, and the culvert should be flatter. There is backed-up water on the west side. Vice Chair Dan Steinberger will meet with Gregg and Larry to review the maps prepared by Apex Engineering and discuss approaching the White Ash Township Board of Supervisors about the issues with the culvert construction.

The Board discussed the proposed income and expenses for the remainder of the year and 2025 and completed a budget worksheet with the assistance of Treasurer Robin Stark for the District's 2024-2025 budget needs. After discussion, Vice Chair Dan Steinberger made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Manager Guy Solemsaas seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Chair Peter Gates – aye, Vice Chair Dan Steinberger – aye, Manager Guy Solemsaas – aye. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Steinberger. The motion was seconded by Manager Solemsaas. On voice vote, the motion carried. Having completed all business on the noticed and amended agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on October 14, 2024.

Peter Gates, Chair

Kale R. Van Bruggen, Secretary