



Draft Minutes for regular board meeting on Mar 11, 2025, 3 PM

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CALL TO ORDER: The West Dakota Water Development District (WDWDD) convened for a regular board meeting at the Rapid Valley Sanitary District, Rapid City, SD. Vice Chair Mack called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM (Mountain Time).

AGENDA ITEM 1. Pledge of Allegiance. (Chair) (3:00 PM)

AGENDA ITEM 2. Roll Call of Members. (Admin) (3:00 PM)

Directors present: Ron Koth (Area 1), Roy Boschee (Area 2), Dan Driscoll (Area 3), Scott McGregor (Area 4), William Young (Area 6), Thomas Mack (Area 7), Mark Kline (Area 8), Craig Kjar (Area 9).

Craig Kjar (Area 9) participated via phone.

Directors absent: Area 5 is vacant.

A quorum was declared.

Administration present: Daniel Mulally (Program Administrator), Larry Stetler (incoming Administrator).

Others in attendance (as per sign-in sheet): Kristin Anzel (WDRWS), Barry Muxen (CWA, BHEC, Sieman), Jay Gilbertson (EDWDD), Jaime Haueter (USGS), Galen Hoogestraat (USGS), David Bender (USGS), Heidi Sieverding (SD Mines), Joanne Noyes (SDGS).

AGENDA ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda (3:02 PM)

Motion 1 by Driscoll seconded by McGregor to approve agenda with the following addition: "Designate Directors Thomas Mack and Ronald Koth, and Program Administrator Larry D. Stetler as signatories on the Black Hills Community Bank accounts, and remove all others currently signatories on the account."

Motion 1 carries unanimously on a voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Conflict of interest disclosure. (Admin)

No conflicts stated.

5. Approval of minutes from Jan 14, 2025 meeting. (chair)(3:05 PM)

Motion 2 by Driscoll seconded by Kline to approve minutes from Jan 14, 2025 meeting. With the following changes: Rename and affiliation for Hower on attendees; change pg 6: agenda item 11 name last paragraph from Mack to Mark Kline.

Motion 2 carries.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Treasurer's report. (Koth) (3:09 PM)

Mulally summarized.

a. Ledger report

Year to date: total funds including bank accounts and CDs are \$920,214.

Total non-project expenditures are \$8600.

Total project expenditures are \$22,925.

Total expenditures are \$31,526.

b. Projects report

Total project unpaid obligations are \$760,629.

Expected tax levy payable in 2025 is \$264,775.

Koth and Mulally stated that the interest income in the report was too low since it is only the Black Hills Community Bank interest and didn't take into account the Raymond James interest. The interest amount recently provided by Raymond James is \$6,424.03 now and the total it will be next Friday will be \$12,433.33 due to the maturing CD.

Mulally mentioned outstanding invoices: Pennington County Conservation \$7500 and USGS \$8121.25

Motion 3 by Koth seconded by Young to approve the treasurer's report with the following addition: "Designate Directors Thomas Mack and Ronald Koth, and Program Administrator Larry D. Stetler as signatories on the Black Hills Community Bank accounts, and remove all others currently signatories on the account."

Motion 3 carries unanimously on a voice vote. (3:21 PM)

AGENDA ITEM 7. Authorize bonding for the treasurer as per SD codified law 46A-3B-11. (Koth) (3:25 PM)

Koth researched the item and briefed the board and suggested a surety bond.

Motion 4 by Koth seconded by McGregor to authorize bonding for the treasurer as per SD codified law 46A-3B-11 bonding for \$100,000.

Motion 4 carries (3:25 PM)

AGENDA ITEM 8. USGS \$76,900 grant request for PFAS testing. (Mack) (1st vote) (3:26 PM)

Galen Hoogestraat explained the 1-year request and that sampling sites were chosen to be above the aquifer recharge zone.

Jay Gilbertson said that East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) was working with SD Mines on sampling in their district.

Motion 5 by McGregor seconded by Boschee to reject the proposal as presented by USGS at this time. (4:04 PM)

Substitute motion by Mack to fund the USGS grant request dies for lack of second.

Motion 5 carries, Mack votes no.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Discuss request by Green Valley Sanitary District (GVSD) regarding the \$125,000 previously approved for waste water infrastructure construction. Discussion item only. (Mack) (4:08 PM)

Mack spoke. GVSD has been working with Black Hills Council of Local Governments on funding from various entities for engineering and preliminary engineering. The WDWDD money would be a match for other entities money, the MOU stated the WDWDD money would be used for “construction” and thus WDWDD could not release the funds now.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Approve funding of \$2,000 for sponsorship of Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference. (Driscoll) (4:13 PM)

Driscoll described the event.

Motion 6 by Driscoll to approve funding the \$2000 for WSDHC seconded by McGregor.

Joanne Noyes (USGS) gave more details. WDWDD will be allowed to put up our poster. WDWDD members will be getting free entry and lunch.

Motion 6 carries (4:20 PM)

AGENDA ITEM 11. Approve funding of \$1,000 for Platinum Sponsorship for local Earth Day event at the Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC). (Driscoll) (4:20 PM)

Driscoll gave a description of the event.

Motion 7 by Driscoll seconded by Kline to approve funding of \$1,000 for Platinum Sponsorship for local Earth Day event at the Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC).

Motion 7 carries

Substitute motion 8 by Koth seconded by Young to approve this 1st time Earth Day Event Sponsorship funding changing from Platinum \$1000 to Gold \$501.

Substitute motion 8 Fails

AGENDA ITEM 12. Chair's comments. (4:43 PM)

Mack described his time with Dan Mulally to learn about his duties.

AGENDA ITEM 13. Items from directors. (4:45 PM)

McGregor said his research did not turn up any problems with WDWDD paying for volunteer's dinners. Gilbertson said that alcohol would probably not be a good idea but food is appropriate.

Young said he had attended Black Hills Environmental Coalition meetings, and spoke at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

Koth said we should consider technical and administrative procedures for the erosion projects.

Driscoll spoke on items regarding quorums and committee appointments. He mentioned a program that might provide supervised inmate labor.

AGENDA ITEM 15. Items from admin. (4:50 PM)

Town of Keystone: Winter St. Bridge. They are working on the 3rd street bridge (not funded by WDWDD); the Winter Street Bridge is next.

Need to transition federal government roles to new administrator:

- ID.me (used for log in)
- Grants.gov
- Asap.gov
- Sam.gov

Mulally thanked the board for past years and said he would like to be considered to fill the Area 5 vacancy.

AGENDA ITEM 16. Items from public. (5:16 PM)

AGENDA ITEM 17. Adjournment. (5:17 PM)

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mack.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Kjar, Secretary

Daniel Mulally, Program Administrator

Larry Stetler, Incoming Program Administrator