

MINUTES

STUTSMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD

January 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman Joel Lees on January 27, 2021, at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Stutsman County Courthouse. Members present were Anthony Roorda. Joel Lees, Dennis Clark, and John Schock appeared by phone. Additionally, Abbagail Geroux, Secretary of the Board, was present.

**MINUTES**

The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the December 30, 2020 regular meeting. Dennis Clark moved and Anthony Roorda seconded a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

**SOLICITATION OF VIEWS**

Next, Abbagail Geroux identified a number of requests of solicitation of views for the applications to drain by Peterson and Windsor Townships. The Board took no action on these matters.

**UPDATED HANDBOOK**

Next, there was discussion regarding an updated handbook for Water Board members. Ms. Geroux indicated that a hard copy of the book would cost approximately \$35.00. Anthony Roorda moved and Dennis Clark seconded a motion to approve of the purchase of one handbook to be maintained at the offices of Dalsted & Ryan. Motion passed.

**SPIRITWOOD LAKE PROJECT**

Ms. Geroux then addressed the board regarding correspondence she received from Matt Lindsay regarding some potential confusion around the Board's approval of the City of Spiritwood Lake's drawdown project. The members present indicated that at the meeting it was their desire the structure be placed at the level of the fish weir and that if the City of Spiritwood Lake desired to draw down water below the level of

the fish weir, they would need to seek approval of the Stutsman County Water Resource Board. Ms. Geroux indicated that she would send a letter clarifying the Board's approval to both the State Engineer's office and also the City of Spiritwood Lake.

### SENATE BILL 2208

Next, Ms. Geroux addressed the board regarding senate bill 2208. This Senate bill was proposed to be discussed in the current legislative session. This particular bill would make significant changes to various funding mechanisms available to Water Resource Boards, and also the types of activities the Water Resource Board could handle. In particular, it would remove the Water Resource Board's ability to hear complaints of unauthorized drainage. It would also require that any tiling, even tiling below the 80-acre threshold, must be approved. Ms. Geroux noted that the hearing for the bill was pushed back, as they anticipated that there would be substantial changes made.

### JOINT BOARD

Joel Lees and John Schock reported on the Joint Board monthly meeting. They noted that the Joint Board was going to look at a potential smaller project in June or July this year, and see if there may be any further interest. It was noted that the Water Resource Board may receive one additional bill based on this final meeting.

### BILLS AND FINANCIALS

Next, the Board reviewed the bills and financials. Anthony Roorda moved and John Schock seconded a motion to approve the bills and financials as presented. Motion passed.

### CHECK NUMBERS

1. Arlyn Schmidt - \$360.05	#2785
2. John Schock - \$658.37	#2786
3. Anthony Roorda - \$228.79	#2787
4. Dennis Clark - \$460.58	#2788
5. Joel Lees - \$789.60	#2789
6. IRS - \$319.77	#2790
7. VOID	#2791
8. Forum Communication Co. - \$558.00	#2792
9. Dalsted & Ryan, P.C. - \$1,479.55	#2793

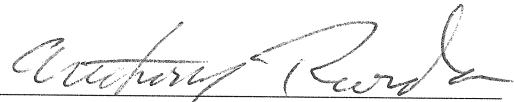
Seeing no further business before the Board, Joel Lees adjourned the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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ABBAGAIL GEROUX  
Secretary

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The board approved the minutes this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
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JOEL LEES, Chairman, or  
ANTHONY ROORDA, Vice-Chairman