

LaMoure County Water Resource District Meeting

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Chairman Kerry Ketterling, appearing by phone, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Also, attending virtually were board members Glen Haugen and Nathan Nitschke. Jason Gross and Bobby Frauenberg appeared in person. Attorney Radermacher appeared virtually. Also present were Janice Hamlin, Secretary/Treasurer and Karin Boom, Co-Secretary and Tim Geinert, Past LaMoure County Highway Superintendent; Mike Johnson with ND Game and Fish and Tatum Brandt with James River Sportsmen's Club.

Ketterling called for a reorganization of the board. Motion by Haugen to nominate Kerry Ketterling as president, seconded by Frauenberg and passed.

Ketterling called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Haugen to approve the agenda, seconded by Frauenberg and passed.

Ketterling called on Tim Geinert to report on his findings on the McCleary complaint regarding rocks in the drainage inlet to the bridge. He said he had inspected the site this fall and the rocks were in the drainage area so he took measurements. The elevation of the top of the highest rock was 1428.4 feet at the area of restriction. Upstream to the quarter line at the fence the elevation was 1430.0 feet. The elevation at the fencerow was 1430.6 feet. He observed that the ridge which had accrued at the fence line was probably the cause of the water being held on the property and not flowing and that the rocks were not the cause of the obstruction. The property owner would be responsible for clearing the ridge at the fence line. Motion by Gross to dismiss the complaint, seconded by Haugen and passed.

Mike with ND Game and Fish brought information to the board about the Seefeldt-Limesand Dam erosion issue. He inspected the dam and found the construction consisted of a concrete overflow box and metal culvert through the dam. The culvert has separated from the overflow box and also has several areas that are corroded through and are seeping. A large amount of material has been eroded back into the dam on the egress portion of the culvert. Engineers met at the site and assessed with measurements and will do an estimate of repairs needed and costs. A temporary siphon was used during the summer to keep water levels 30-36 inches below capacity to alleviate pressure. State cost share would be at 40%. Tatum Brandt of the James River Sportsmen's Club said they are interested in keeping this resource and would also have funds to contribute. At this point the County Water Resource Board would need to approve moving forward. There are also grants offered by the Outdoor Heritage Fund and with the combination of funds there would be little or no cost to the Water Resource Board. A letter from the Board to the Department of Water Resources is required to proceed. Brandt will draft the letter for consideration of the board.

Motion by Frauenberg to have Brandt and Hamlin draft a letter to the Department of Water Resources and copy it to Radermacher for review, seconded by Gross and passed.

Mileage for Karin Boom to attend board meetings was discussed. Motion by Frauenberg to pay mileage, seconded by Gross and passed.

Hamlin gave the financial report and reviewed bills to be paid. Motion to pay bills by Frauenberg and seconded by Gross. Motion passed.

Nomination was opened for Vice-Chairman. Motion by Frauenberg to nominate Glen Haugen, seconded by Gross and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Approved on:_____.

Kerry Ketterling- Chairman

Attest:_____.
Karin Boom, Co-Secretary