

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2016**

Call To Order Present:

Board members: Linda Vavra, Jerome Deal, Allen Wold, Steven Schmidt, Jason Beyer
Engineers: Chad Engels and Jim Guler, Administrator Michelle Swenson and Jamie Beyer,
Attorney Tom Athens, Accountant Renee Kannegiesser

Absent board members: Scott Gillespie, Kurt Erlandson, Doug Dahlen, John Kappahn

AGENDA Motion to accept the Agenda was made by Deal, seconded by Jason Beyer, vote carried.

CLAIMS Motion to accept Claims of November 17, 2016 was made by Wold, seconded by Deal, vote carried.

MINUTES Motion to accept the minutes of meeting held on 10/24/2016 was made by Deal, seconded by Schmidt, vote carried.
Motion to accept the minutes of meetings held on 11/3/2016 and 11/7/2016 was made by Deal, seconded by Wold, vote carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Deal, seconded by Schmidt, vote carried.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT Motion to accept the Accountant's Report was made by Steven, seconded by Jason, motion carried.
Renee stated that she is working on a question concerning \$17,000 bill received for Redpath by FDR. She will meet with Michelle on Monday.

Public Comment Period: No comment was put forth.

Engineer's Report

Permits to discuss due to letter of opposition or unclear policy:

16-084 Brady Janzen spoke for the Riverview proposed dairy farm which would use JD 6 for overland water runoff. An Environmental Assessment Worksheet is being performed, and the MPCA is reviewing the catch basin. There were no comments received from the public, but BdSWD has no policies for site development. Travis Miller, the affected landowner, is working closely with the project development. Tom stated that the application for a permit must be made 30 days before it is needed, making the current date too early to consider a permit.

16-090 Two letters of concern were received. To mitigate the risk of a body of water from rising over County Road 3, a permit was requested by Traverse County Highway Department for a tile inlet with level control. The spill off would affect two other nearby ponds. The farmer of Section 14 is concerned that water could back up and flood his land. Schmidt made a motion that the permit be approved with the condition that the tile is 6 inches and ties into the existing 6-inch tile after said tile has been repaired to a working condition. Jason Beyer seconded the motion, motion carried.

16-081 Fish and Wildlife and John Pansch wrote letters of concern. John, the Chairman of Graceville Township, is concerned the requested increased tile size could cause water to overflow a township road. Chad

informed the board that the area was surveyed and determined that the water would spill north, but this area is not within the BdSWD jurisdiction. This is a boundary issue; the applicant could petition the board to change the boundary. A motion was made by Wold to deny the permit and have the applicant resubmit a new design, seconded by Deal, motion passed.

16-087

Fish and Wildlife wrote a letter of concern. On Grant County Ditch 8 there is a pump at the outlet. The permit requests a 10-inch tile, Chad indicated that a 10-inch tile exceeds the one-inch DC. Jerome made a motion to approve with the condition of a tile size change, seconded by Jason, motion passed. Grant County will assess.

2016 ditch inspections are complete, 2016 culvert inventory is complete, and 2016 surveys are complete.

TCD 41

RFM #008-14 is complete, RFM #006-15 is under construction

JD 11

laterals 7 and 8 are not yet started

TCD 23

RFM #001-16 Wagner will work on this in January

JD 6

RFM #16-004 is under construction

WCD 1

Under construction

New RFM

RFM 16-003 TCD 27 Spoils need to be removed, Chad could stake elevations before calling contractor 16-002 JD 11, 16-005 TCD 52, 16-006 WCD 8, 16-007 WCD 20, 012-12 WCD 9

TCD 27

Schmidt made a motion not to exceed \$12,000 when cleaning TCD 27 with engineering supervision of Section 13, Deal seconded, motion passed.

North Ottawa

NRE meeting will be held November 22 at 1:00 to discuss operations and maintenance.

Moonshine

Project is complete; Chad will ask land owner if there were any crop damages.

UPDATES

Jerome gave an update on several meetings he has attended concerning watershed issues. At a meeting with Governor Dayton, Jerome put forth that impoundments are an alternative means of buffer strips. Land owners within the impoundment boundary should not be required to implement buffers.

Administrator

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the FA ballots would not be turned in.

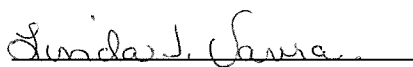
Allen made a motion to approve Michelle Swenson's employment contract, second by Jerome, motion passed.

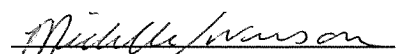
Three parcels are available for open bidding in December.

It was decided that Scott and Allen would be the voting delegates for the MAWD conference, Jason is the alternate delegate.

ADJOURN

Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Steven, motion passed.


Linda Vavra, President


Michelle Swenson, Administrator

Motion: Jerome Deal
Second: Allen Wold
Date: 12-15-16