MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 25, 2023

A virtual / conference call meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Executive Committee was held on January 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Present were Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Gary Thompson, Traill County Water Resource District; Ben Varnson, Nelson County Water Resource District; Don Kemp, Pembina County Water Resource District; Arv Burvee, Richland County Water Resource District (alternate for Keith Weston); Tom Perdue, Grand Forks County Water Resource District (alternate); Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Nina Stone, Accountant; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; Randy Gjestvang, North Dakota Department of Water Resources; Zach Herrmann and Mike Opat, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Kurt Lysne, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Ted Preister, Red River Basin Commission Executive Director and Morrie Lanning, Barr Engineering, Co. Keith Weston, Southeast Cass Water Resource District, was absent.

2023 elections and appointments

It was moved by Manager Burvee to nominate Josh Ihry to serve in the capacity of Chair of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2023. Manager Thompson moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Josh Ihry to serve as Chairman of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2023. Manager Varnson seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken and all Managers voted in favor.

The Board thanked Gary Thompson for his service and dedication to the RRJWRD in the capacity of Chair.

Manager Thompson moved to nominate Keith Weston to serve in the capacity of Vice Chair of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2023. Manager Varnson moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Keith Weston to serve as Vice Chair of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2023. Manager Burvee seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken and all Managers voted in favor.

Manager Burvee moved to nominate Carol Harbeke Lewis to serve in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2023. Hearing no other nominations, the vote was taken and all Managers voted in favor.

Manager Thompson moved to designate the Cass County Highway Department, 1201 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, North Dakota, as the principal office of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2023. Manager Burvee seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Thompson, seconded by Manager Burvee and unanimously carried to approve the following RRJWRD appointments for calendar year 2023:

North Dakota Water Coalition:
- Voting Member: Gary Thompson
- Alternate: Keith Weston

North Dakota Water Coalition Funding Subcommittee:
- Voting Member: Gary Thompson
- Alternate: Keith Weston

Red River Retention Authority:
- Three Voting Members: Josh Ihry, Ben Varnson and Rodger Olson
- Alternates: Don Kemp and Gary Thompson

Red River Basin Commission:
- Two Voting Members: Keith Weston and Ben Varnson
- Alternates: Gary Thompson and Josh Ihry

International Water Institute Board of Directors:
- Josh Ihry

Basin Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee (BTSAC):
- Randy Gjestvang, Mike Opat, Mike Bassingthwaite and Kurt Lysne

Lower Red River Regional Detention Analysis Committee:
- Don Kemp, Keith Weston, Randy Gjestvang, Zach Herrmann, Blake Carlson, Mike Bassingthwaite and Josh Hassell

North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association:
- Josh Ihry and Gary Thompson

North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors:
- Sean M. Fredricks, Kurt Lysne and Tom Perdue

North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors and Executive Committee:
- Arv Burvee

North Dakota NRCS Technical Committee:
- Josh Ihry and Ben Varnson

Legal Counsel:

- Sean M. Fredricks

Additional Engineering Consultants:

- Houston Engineering, Inc.
- Interstate Engineering, Inc.
- Moore Engineering, Inc.
- Widseth, Smith, Nolting
- Pribula Engineering & Surveying

Agenda

It was moved by Manager Thompson, seconded by Manager Varnson and unanimously carried to approve the order of the agenda, as amended.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Burvee, seconded by Manager Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022, meeting.

Depositories of RRJWRD public funds

It was moved by Manager Varnson and seconded by Manager Burvee to approve the following depositories of RRJWRD public funds:

- The Goose River Bank (Bank of North Dakota)
- Bremer Bank, N.A. – Fargo
- Bremer Bank, N.A. – Lisbon
- Bell Bank
- Alerus Financial
- Dakota Heritage Bank – Hillsboro
- Stock Growers Bank – Forman
- Choice Bank – Grafton
- United Valley Bank – Cavalier

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RRJWRD *Pledges of Assets*

It was moved by Manager Thompson and seconded by Manager Burvee to approve the following RRJWRD *Pledges of Assets*:

- Alerus Financial, as per agreement executed April 20, 2012
- Bell Bank – FHLB Letters of Credit dated November 10, 2022
- Bremer Bank - FHLB Letter of Credit dated January 24, 2023
- The Goose River Bank - $6,460,000
- Stock Growers Bank - Forman - $115,000
- Choice Bank – Grafton, as per agreement executed August 23, 2019

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills
Manager Kemp moved to approve the payment of the wire transfers, as presented. Manager Burvee seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report
Manager Varnson moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented. Manager Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the RRJWRD Executive Committee will be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 8, 2023, originating at the Cass County Highway Department.

Adjournment
There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

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Josh Ihry
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer