

**MEETING MINUTES
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 10, 2018 ~ 11:00AM**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Thompson on January 10, 2018 at 11:00am in West Fargo, ND. Those present were: Chairman Gary Thompson; Managers: Ben Varnson, Robert Rostad, Lance Yohe, Larry Tanke, Josh Ihry and Scott Olerud. Also present were: Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Nettie Johnson, Secretary; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Treasurer; Randy Gjestvang, SWC; Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc.; and Zach Herrmann, Houston Engineering, Inc.

ORDER OF AGENDA

Josh Ihry moved to approve the order of the agenda as amended. Ben Varnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

Lance Yohe moved to approve the November 8th, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. Larry Tanke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The following is a list of the various appointments and elections the Red River Joint Water Resource District conducted for 2018 at our meetings on January 10, 2018.

2018 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

I. Executive Committee Elections

In accordance with Article XIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws, at its meeting on January 10, the full Joint Board elected the following Managers to serve on the Executive Committee for 2018:

1. Gary Thompson
2. Robert Rostad
3. Josh Ihry

Scott Olerud will act as senior alternate in 2018.

II. Officer Elections

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2, of the By-Laws, the Executive Committee elected officers at its first meeting following the full Joint Board's first meeting of the year: "...At the first meeting of the Executive Committee . . . held after the first regular meeting of the Joint Board of Directors every year" At its meeting on January 10, the Executive Committee elected the following officers:

1. Chair: Gary Thompson

2. Vice-Chair: Ben Varnson
3. Secretary: Nettie Johnson
4. Treasurer: Carol Harbeke Lewis

Officers serve as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for both the Executive Committee *and* for the full Joint Board until the next Executive Committee meeting following the first full Joint Board meeting in 2018.

Lance Yohe moved to approve the 2018 Officer Elections. Robert Rostad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

II. Other Appointments

In addition, the Executive Committee made several appointments at its meeting on January 10th, 2018. The following is a list of the appointments the Executive Committee made for 2018:

1. North Dakota Water Coalition:
 - Voting Member: Gary Thompson
 - Alternate: Lance Yohe
2. North Dakota Water Coalition, Funding Subcommittee:
 - Voting Member: Gary Thompson
 - Alternate: Lance Yohe
3. State Water Commission Cost-Share Committee and Funding Sub-Committee:
 - Gary Thompson and Josh Ihry
4. Red River Retention Authority:
 - Three Voting Members: Gary Thompson, Ben Varnson, and Rodger Olson
 - Three Alternates: Robert Rostad, Josh Ihry, and Lance Yohe
5. Red River Retention Authority, Retention Committee and Permitting Committee:
 - Richard Axvig, Chad Engels, Mike Bassingthwaite, Randy Gjestvang
6. Red River Basin Commission:
 - Two Voting Members: Dan Jacobson and Ben Varnson
 - Three Alternates: Gary Thompson, Josh Ihry, and Scott Olerud

7. Drainage Subcommittee (Joint Committee with MN RRWMB):
 - Gary Thompson, Josh Ihry, and Ben Varnson
8. International Water Institute Board of Directors:
 - Gary Thompson
9. BTSAC - Basin Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee:
 - Randy Gjestvang, Chad Engels, and Mike Bassingthwaite
10. Red River Watershed Feasibility Study - Advisory/Technical Committee:
 - Larry Tanke, Dan Jacobson, Randy Gjestvang, Chad Engels, & Mike Bassingthwaite
11. North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association:
 - Gary Thompson and Dan Jacobson
12. North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors:
 - Sean M. Fredricks
13. North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors and Executive Committee:
 - Chad Engels
14. North Dakota NRCS Technical Committee:
 - Josh Ihry and Ben Varnson
15. Legal Counsel:
 - Sean M. Fredricks
16. Additional Engineering Consultants:
 - Chad Engels - Moore Engineering, Inc.
 - Mike Bassingthwaite - Interstate Engineering, Inc.
 - Zach Hermann - Houston Engineering, Inc.

Josh Ihry moved to approve the 2018 Appointments. Larry Tanke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Carol Harbeke Lewis presented the RRJWRD financial report for the Committee to review.

Lance Yohe moved to approve payment of check numbers 3587 – 3606 along with the electronic funds transfers. Robert Rostad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Depositories of RRJWRD Public Funds

- The Goose River Bank – Hillsboro
- Bremer Bank, N.A. – Fargo
- Bremer Bank, N.A. - Lisbon
- Bell Bank
- Alerus Financial
- Dakota Heritage Bank – Hillsboro
- First National Bank - Lisbon

RRJWRD Pledges of Assets

Alerus Financial	As per agreement executed April 20, 2012
Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (Bremer) Letter of Credit	executed 8-31-2017
Dakota Heritage Bank – Hillsboro	\$89,571.48
The Goose River Bank (Bank of ND)	\$1,020,000.00
Sargent County Bank – Milnor	\$115,000.00

Josh Ihry moved to approve the Depositories of RRJWRD Public Funds and RRJWRD Pledges of Assets reports as presented. Ben Varnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RRJWRD COORDINATOR POSITION

The Executive Committee revisited discussion on the necessity of hiring a coordinator who would establish and maintain contacts with water resource districts and other entities concerning flooding or water management in the Red River Basin. All felt it important to have an advocate in a legislative position that would have a strong influence and the diligence in working with legislative issues on our behalf. A suggestion was made on getting a list of legislators, look at their backgrounds and reach out to them to ascertain if they would be interested in such a position. Attorney Fredricks stated that he will work on this list and have it prepared for a special meeting to be held on February 14th at which time this will be discussed further.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be considered by the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m.without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gary Thompson, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary