

**MEETING MINUTES
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 9, 2019 ~ 11:30AM**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Thompson on January 9, 2019 at 11:30am in West Fargo, ND. Those present were: Chairman Gary Thompson; Managers: Ben Varnson, Robert Rostad, Larry Tanke, and Josh Ihry. Also present were: Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Nettie Johnson, Secretary; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Treasurer; Randy Gjestvang, SWC; Mike Opat, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Zach Herrmann, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Keith Weston, RRRRA; Ted Preister, RRBC; and Morrie Lanning, Barr Engineering, Inc.

ORDER OF AGENDA

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

MEETING MINUTES

Josh Ihry moved to approve the November 7th, 2018 and December 6th, 2018 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.

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Co-Location of Offices

The topic of the co-location of offices was revisited. Josh Ihry motioned to pay up to \$15,000.00 to the Red River Basin Commission, renewable annually for up to 5 years, for outreach and implementation of the Natural Resources Framework Plan (NRFP), specifically related to flood damage reduction and support of co-location of organizations. Robert Rostad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2019 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following is a list of the various appointments and elections the Red River Joint Water Resource conducted for 2019 at our meetings on January 9:

I. Executive Committee Elections

In accordance with Article XIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws, at its meeting on January 9, the full Joint Board elected the following Managers to serve on the Executive Committee for 2019:

1. Full-Time Position: Ben Varnson
2. Full-Time Position: Larry Tanke
3. Full-Time Position: Lance Yohe

4. Scott Olerud (Alternate)

Josh Ihry will act as senior alternate in 2019.

II. Officer Elections

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2, of the By-Laws, the Executive Committee must elect 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 9, the Executive Committee elected the following officers for 2019:

1. Gary Thompson, Chair
2. Ben Varnson, Vice-Chair
3. Nettie Johnson, Secretary
4. Carol Harbeke Lewis, Treasurer

Officers serve as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for both the Executive Committee and for the full Joint Board until the Executive Committee meeting following the first full Board meeting in 2020.

Larry Tanke moved to approve the 2019 Officer Elections. Josh Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Other Appointments

In addition, the Executive Committee made the following appointments at its meeting on January 9:

1. North Dakota Water Coalition:
 - Voting Member: Gary Thompson
 - Alternates: Lance Yohe and Dan Jacobson
2. North Dakota Water Coalition, Funding Subcommittee
 - Voting Member: Gary Thompson
 - Alternates: Lance Yohe and Dan Jacobson
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, Mike Opat, 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, Ben Varnson, and Mike Opat

8. International Water Institute Board of Directors:

- Gary Thompson

9. BTSAC - Basin Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee:

- Randy Gjestvang, Mike Opat, and Mike Bassingthwaite

10. Red River Watershed Feasibility Study - Advisory/Technical Committee:

- Larry Tanke, Dan Jacobson, Randy Gjestvang, Mike Opat, and 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 and Kurt Lysne

13. North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors and Executive Committee

- Arv Burvee

14. North Dakota NRCS Technical Committee:

- Josh Ihry and Ben Varnson

15. Legal Counsel

- Sean M. Fredricks

16. Additional Engineering Consultants

- Kurt Lysne - Moore Engineering, Inc.
- Mike Bassingthwaite - Interstate Engineering, Inc.
- Zach Hermann - Houston Engineering, Inc.

Josh Ihry moved to approve all other 2019 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.

Josh Ihry moved to approve the financial report as presented. Robert Rostad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Josh Ihry moved to approve payment of check numbers 3653 – 3668 along with the electronic funds transfers. Larry Tanke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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
Sargent County Bank - Forman

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 9-14-2018	
Dakota Heritage Bank – (Bank of North Dakota)	\$111,213.00
The Goose River Bank (Bank of North Dakota)	\$1,060,000.00
Sargent County Bank – Forman	\$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.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be considered by the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:10p.m.without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gary Thompson, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary