

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
RAMKOTA HOTEL  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
DECEMBER 5, 2019 ~ 11:45AM**

The Red River Joint Water Resource District held a special meeting on December 5, 2019 at 11:45am commencing at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND.

Those present were: Gary Thompson, Ben Varnson, Dan Jacobson, Josh Ihry, and Robert Rostad; Attorney Sean Fredricks; Randy Gjestvang, SWC; Lyndon Pease and Kurt Lysne, Moore Engineering; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Treasurer; and Nettie Johnson, Secretary.

**COST-SHARE REQUESTS**

**Clausen Springs Dam EAP (Barnes County WRD)**

Barnes County WRD submitted a request for the funding for Clausen Springs Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Update.

Clausen Spring Dam is located on Spring Creek, a branch of the Sheyenne River in Barnes County. It was constructed in 1967. The main purpose of the Dam is for recreation. The Dam is classified as a high hazard dam by the ND SWC.

Severe erosion has occurred on the emergency spillway during the 2009 flood when excessive flood waters flowed over it.

The current cost-share request is to update the EAP. Updating the EAP will provide benefit to the downstream area extending into Ransom County and will provide information on areas possibly impacted if a catastrophic condition would occur and provide a means of contacting individuals.

Total estimated cost is \$12,500.00, with \$1,625.00 being requested by the RRJWRD. The ND SWC will be requested to approve up to \$10,000.00 in cost-share (80%).

Josh Ihry moved to approve 65% of non-federal, non-state share of the eligible items for updating the EAP for Clausen Springs not to exceed \$1,625.00. Robert Rostad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Lake Tobiason Improvement Project (Steele County WRD)**

Lake Tobiason is located adjacent to Spring Creek, a tributary to the Goose River, in Beaver Creek Township of Steele County. It is currently being managed by the Steele County WRD.

The existing project was originally constructed as part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1934 to improve an existing slough into a lake by constructing a dam and diverting water from Spring Creek into what is now known as Lake Tobiason.

The inlet and outlet structures are deteriorating and pose a safety risk to a local road. The proposed project will repair the deficiencies and increase the design life of the project. The damaged CSP will be replaced with a concrete pipe. Without the improvements, the safety issues would force the sponsor to consider abandoning the project. This would eliminate the amount of flood water storage that currently occurs.

Total estimated cost of the project is \$250,000.00. The sponsor has secured \$86,000.00 funding from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund. Many local entities have also pledged funding in order to keep the project operable. \$86,190.00 is being requested from the RRJWRD. This amounts to approximately 52.6 % of the non-federal, non-state share of the project.

Ben Varnson moved to recommend to the RRJWRD full Board to approve 65% cost-share of the non-federal, non-state share up to and not to exceed \$86,190.00 for the project. Dan Jacobson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Gary Thompson, Chairman

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Nettie Johnson, Secretary