

**MEETING MINUTES
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 8, 2020 ~ 11:30AM**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Thompson on January 8, 2020 at 11:30am in West Fargo, ND. Those present were: Chairman Gary Thompson; Managers: Ben Varnson, Dan Jacobson, Larry Tanke, and Josh Ihry. Also present were: Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Nettie Johnson, Secretary; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Treasurer; Randy Gjestvang, SWC; Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc.; and Morrie Lanning, Barr Engineering, Inc.

ORDER OF AGENDA

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

MEETING MINUTES

Ben Varnson moved to approve the November 13, 2019 and December 5th, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. Larry Tanke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2020 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following is a list of the various elections and appointments the Red River Joint Water Resource conducted for 2020 at our meetings on January 8th:

I. Executive Committee Elections

In accordance with Article XIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws, at its meeting on January 8, the full Joint Board elected the following Managers to serve on the Executive Committee for 2020:

1. Full-Time Position: Gary Thompson
2. Full-Time Position: Dan Jacobson
3. Alternate Position: Jim Haugen

Scott Olerud will act as senior alternate in 2020.

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 8, the Executive Committee elected the following officers for 2020:

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 2021.

III. Other Appointments

In addition, the Executive Committee made the following appointments at its meeting on January 8:

1. North Dakota Water Coalition:
 - Voting Member: Gary Thompson
 - Alternate: Dan Jacobson
2. North Dakota Water Coalition, Funding Subcommittee
 - Voting Member: Gary Thompson
 - Alternate: 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: Dan Jacobson, Josh Ihry, and Lance Yohe
5. Red River Basin Commission:
 - Two Voting Members: Dan Jacobson and Ben Varnson
 - Alternates: Gary Thompson and Josh Ihry
6. International Water Institute Board of Directors:
 - Josh Ihry
7. BTSAC - Basin Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee:
 - Randy Gjestvang, Mike Opat, Chad Engels, and Mike Bassingthwaite
8. Red River Watershed Feasibility Study - Advisory/Technical Committee:
 - Larry Tanke, Dan Jacobson, Randy Gjestvang, Zach Herrmann, and Mike Bassingthwaite
9. North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association:
 - Gary Thompson and Dan Jacobson
10. North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors
 - Sean M. Fredricks and Kurt Lysne

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

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

13. Legal Counsel
- Sean M. Fredricks

14. Additional Engineering Consultants
- Moore Engineering, Inc.
- Interstate Engineering, Inc.
- Houston Engineering, Inc.

Ben Varnson moved to approve the Executive Committee Elections, Officer Elections, and Other Appointments for 2020. Larry Tanke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dan Jacobson moved to approve the depositories of RRJWRD public funds and RRJWRD pledges of assets listed below, and payment of check numbers 3739 – 3757 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
Choice Bank – Grafton
United Valley Bank - Cavalier

RRJWRD Pledges of Assets

Alerus Financial	As per agreement executed April 20, 2012
Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (Bremer) Letter of Credit dated December 13, 2019	
Dakota Heritage Bank	\$1,110,583.60
The Goose River Bank (Bank of North Dakota)	\$3,195,000.00
Sargent County Bank – Forman	\$115,000.00
Choice Bank – Grafton	As per agreement dated October 18, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to be considered by the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:05p.m.without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gary Thompson, Chairman

Nettie Johnson, Secretary