

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING
RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ORIGINATING AT THE CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 19, 2022

A virtual / conference call special meeting of the Red River Joint Water Resource District (RRJWRD) Executive Committee was held on January 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Present were Gary Thompson, Traill County Water Resource District; Ben Varnson, Nelson County Water Resource District; Dan Jacobson, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Arv Burvee, Richland County Water Resource District (alternate); Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Nina Stone, Accountant; Melissa Maertens, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; William A. Hejl, Rush River Water Resource District; Randy Gjestvang, North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR); Keith Weston, Red River Retention Authority (RRRA) Executive Director; Zach Herrmann and Mike Opat, Houston Engineering, Inc.; Kurt Lysne, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Morrie Lanning, Barr Engineering Co.; Dani Quissell, North Dakota Water Users Association; and Kelly Sharpe, GK Technology, Inc.

2022 elections and appointments

It was moved by Josh Ihry to nominate Gary Thompson to serve in the capacity of Chair of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2022. Arv Burvee moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Thompson to serve as Chairman of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2022. Dan Jacobson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Arv Burvee moved to nominate Dan Jacobson to serve in the capacity of Vice Chair of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2022. Ben Varnson moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dan Jacobson to serve as Vice Chair of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2022. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Arv Burvee moved to nominate Carol Harbeke Lewis to serve in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2022. Dan Jacobson moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Carol Harbeke Lewis to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the RRJWRD for calendar year 2022. Ben Varnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Josh Ihry 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 2022. Arv Burvee seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dan Jacobson, seconded by Arv Burvee and unanimously carried to approve the following RRJWRD appointments for calendar year 2022:

North Dakota Water Coalition:

- Voting Member: Gary Thompson
- Alternate: Dan Jacobson

North Dakota Water Coalition Funding Subcommittee

- Voting Member: Gary Thompson
- Alternate: Dan Jacobson

State Water Commission Cost-Share Committee and Funding Subcommittee

- Gary Thompson and Josh Ihry

Red River Retention Authority:

- Voting Members: Gary Thompson, Ben Varnson and Rodger Olson
- Alternates: Dan Jacobson, Josh Ihry and Larry Tanke

Red River Basin Commission:

- Voting Members: Dan Jacobson 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:

- Larry Tanke, Dan Jacobson, Randy Gjestvang, Zach Herrmann, Blake Carlson, Mike Bassingthwaite and Josh Hassell

North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association:

- Gary Thompson and Dan Jacobson

North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors:

- Sean M. Fredricks and Kurt Lysne

North Dakota Water Users Board of Directors and Executive Committee

- Arv Burvee

North Dakota NRCS Technical Committee

- Josh Ihry and Ben Varnson

Ag Coalition

- Gary Thompson
- Alternate: Ben Varnson

Legal Counsel

- Sean M. Fredricks

Additional Engineering Consultants

- Houston Engineering, Inc.
- Interstate Engineering, Inc.
- Moore Engineering, Inc.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Varnson, seconded by Manager Ihry and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 10 and December 1, 2021, meetings.

Treasurer's report

Manager Jacobson moved to approve the Financial Report, the following depositories of RRJWRD public funds, the following RRJWRD *Pledges of Assets* and the payment of wire transfers, as presented. Manager Ihry 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
- Stock Growers 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 January 4, 2022
- Dakota Heritage Bank - \$1,145,000
- The Goose River Bank (Bank of North Dakota) - \$5,960,000
- Stock Growers Bank - Forman - \$115,000
- Choice Bank – Grafton, as per agreement dated October 4, 2021

Legislative updates

Discussion was held on legislative updates regarding water resource districts. Manager Varnson discussed the importance of communication and coordination between water resource districts in the Red River Basin.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the RRJWRD Executive Committee will be held on March 9, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., 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:

Gary Thompson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer