Regular Meeting January 14, 2020 8:00 am

Members present: Larry Skiftun, Tom Deede, Philip Hoff and Bryon Brynjulson Devin Long-absent.

Kale Van Brruggen-Rinke-Noonan, was in attendance via video conference. Jennifer Malloy, Apex Engineering were also in attendance.

Visitors: Stan Buxa, County Commissioner Chairman, Joe Richter and Arlan Bachmeier.

The Wells County Water Resource District Board meeting began at 8:05 am.

Minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Devin made the motion, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

The Middle Sheyenne 319 Watershed Project was reviewed.

**Hurdsfield Project:**

* Jennifer gave an update on the project. The 2019 construction season has come to a close and the only remaining work to be completed is the controls and pumps and one manhole and seeding.
* BEK Consulting has sent Invoice #2 to Apex Engineering and they will review and send the WCWRD the bill for payment.

**Skadburg Complaint:**  Paul Skadburg sent an email to the WCWRD withdrawing him complaint regarding the operation of the gates on the Oak Creek Drain and Emrick Drain.

**Sykeston Dam Complaint:**  The Foster County WRD sent the minutes from their meeting withdrawing their complaint regarding the Sykeston Dam.

**Sykeston Dam Survey:**  Jennifer presented maps and finding of the Apex Engineering’s survey. The dam is not at the permitted elevation. Questions were if it falls under Dam Safety would the SWC pay for 75% cost share. If improvements are made, is it Maintenance, with no cost share.

Jennifer also presented options to help alleviate some of the flooding in the area.

* Option #1- Clean out Emergency Spillway #1
* Add a culvert to Emergency Spillway #2
* Take out the dam
* Grade raise on 52nd Ave and 5th St NE

After much discussion, Bryon made the motion, seconded by Tom to have Jennifer continue with her research and send her information to the SWC for their input. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Keason Complaint:**  Larry reported that he was told that the dam started washing out in 2011. The board has not been able to look at the area because there is still corn in the field. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Tom to table this until the board can look at the area.

**Cook Easement:** Kale reported to the board that the WRD has the easement authorizing the WRD to clean out the ditch.

Ordean Ebel met with the board. Ordean had questions regarding the Emrick Drain and water backing up into the drain. Larry stated that areas that were supposed to be cleaned out last year were not done. This will be completed in the spring.

**Culvert by Yorks:** There used to be 3-36in and 1- 60inch culvert south of Yorks. Currently there is only 1-36in culvert. Philip made the motion, seconded by Tom to table this until the next meeting.

**Dakota Helicopters bill:** Larry stated that he needs to meet with Shawn from Dakota Helicopters regarding the bill. There are areas that were sprayed that do not fall under the WRD jurisdiction. Philip made the motion, seconded by Bryon to pay $10,000 towards the bill.

**Reorganize the Board for 2020:**  Philip took over the meeting asking for nominations for Chairman. Tom made the motion, seconded by Bryon to nominate Larry as Chairman. All voting aye, motion carried. Larry then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Bryon nominated Philip, seconded by Tom, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Raises for 2020:**  Philip made the motion, seconded by Bryon to raise the per diem to $135 per the ND Century Code. All voting aye, motion carried. Philip made the motion, seconded by Bryon to raise the gateman salary from $20 per hour to $25 per hour. All voting aye, motion carried. Philip made the motion, seconded by Tom to raise the Secretary Salary to $1250 per month. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Meeting date changes:** Tammy requested the February meeting date be changed from Tuesday, February 11 to Monday, February 10th so she can attend a training in Fargo. The board agreed to change the meeting date.

**Joint Board Meeting Date:** The board set the next Joint Board Meeting date for March 10, 2020 at 1:00 in Carrington

The board reviewed the bill from Apex Engineering. Philip made the motion, seconded by Bryon to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from Rinke-Noonan. Philip made the motion, seconded by Tom to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from Kingdom Construction. Philip made the motion, seconded by Tom to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from Wells County for our share of the Ottertail bill. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Tom to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the bill from the Wells County Treasurer for real estate taxes. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Philip to pay this bill. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tammy review with the board bills she paid before this meeting:

1st International Bank- Interest on Hurdsfield Project Loan (due Jan 1st)

Northern Plains Electric- Power- Hurdsfield

Wells Co- Ottertail Dec

NRG Technology-Router

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

#6272 NRG Technology Services- Office Exp-Router $436.98

#6273 Apex Engineering- Engineering Services 35,003.40

#6274 Rinke-Noonan-Legal Fees 3188.00

#6275 Void

#6276 Houchin Tax-Office Exp 72.00

#6277 Void

#6278 Wells Co Treas- Ottertail share 39.15

#6279 Tom Deede- per diem, mlge & exp 135.02

#6280 Philip Hoff- per diem, mlge & exp 153.42

#6281 Bryon Brynjulson- per diem, mlge & exp 164.92

#6282 Tammy Roehrich-Salary 1154.38

#6283 Harvey Park District- 2020 Commitment 2500.00

#6284 Larry Skiftun- per diem, mlge & exp 611.39

**Drain Fund**

#545 1st International Bank- Interest on Hurdsfield Loan 1641.02

#546 Northern Plains Electric- Hurdsfield 92.00

#547 Wells Co Treasurer- Hurdsfield Tax 9.56

#548 Kingdom Construction- Oak Creek Clean out 2250.00

#549 Dakota Helicopters- Spraying 10,000.00

#551 Wells Co Treas-Hurdsfield Drain 152.04

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Approved: Attest: