Special Meeting March 10, 2021 8:00 am

Members present: Larry Skiftun, Tom Deede, Devin Long. Bryon Brynjulson and Philip Hoff. Wells County Commissioner Leon Klocke was also in attendance

Kale Van Bruggen -Rinke-Noonan, was in attendance. Thomas Demke- Apex Engineering was also in attendance via video conference.

 The Wells County Water Resource District Board meeting began at 8:00 am.

Minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Philip made the motion, seconded by Bryon to approve the minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Hurdsfield Project**

* Jeff Johnson, 1st International Bank met with the board regarding the Hurdsfield Project Loan. Jeff proposed a 2.5% interest rate for the next 7 years with and adjustment after 7 years. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Philip to accept the proposal. All voting aye. Motion carried. Philip made the motion, seconded by Bryon to authorize Larry and Tammy to sign the loan documents once they have been approved by attorneys Stephanie Hedlund and Kale VanBrugen with Rinke-Noonan. All voting aye, motion carried.
* DEQ Report-Larry and Bryon met with Peter Wax and they took samples of different areas along the Hurdsfield Project and create a baseline for monitoring.
* Date to start pumps: The channel has opened up so discussion was held on starting the pumps. Bryon made the motion, seconded by Philip to start up the pumps as soon as weather allowes.
* There is a Dakota Central fiber optic cable along the Chaseley Highway, north of 7th St that needs to be buried. Larry will contact Dakota Central.

**ND DOT Cost Share:** Thomas reported to the board that he spoke with the Minot DOT representative regarding adding the Drain #1 culvert and the Harvey Dam culvert to the Highway 52 project. Currently, the NDDOT will not be adding any additional projects at this time.

**Drain #1 Culverts** Due to the NDDOT not adding any additional projects the board discussed adding the culverts that are needed. Philip made the motion, seconded by Devin to boar a 48 inch culvert under Highway 52 and adding a 24 inch culvert on 19th St north of the railroad tracks. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Neuharth Complaint:**  Thomas reported that the watershed area is 70 acres. Devin made the motion, seconded by Thomas to dismiss the complaint due to the watershed being under 80 acres. All voting aye, motion carried. Tammy will send a letter along with the maps from Apex Engineering to Doug Neuharth.

The Rocky Run Joint Water Board meeting will be today at 1:00pm. Items to be discussed will include the Emrick and Oak Creek Drain Operations Plans.

**Legislative Updates:** Kale provided an update on the status of HB 1437 and SB 2208 and SB 2324

**Training for board members:**  Board members will review one or more videos on the ND Water Resource District Associations website for water management training and will report to Tammy the videos watched for filing with the Association’s record keeping.

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

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

#6475 Wells County-Ottertail share $34.31

#6476 NDTC-Phone/prepay 250.00

#6477 Tammy Roehrich-Salary/supplies 1239.22

#6478 Apex Engineering-Engineering Services 852.50

#6479 Larry Skiftun-per diem, mlge & exp 458.02

#6480 Tom Deede-per diem, mlge & exp 269.51

#6481 Philip Hoff-per diem, mlge & exp 152.67

#6482 Void

#6483 Bryon Brynjulson-per diem, mlge & exp 466.42

#6484 Devin Long-per diem, mlge & exp 278.47

**Drain Fund**

#783 Northern Plains Electric-Hurdsfield Project 114.00

#784 Apex Engineering- Hurdsfield Project 1788.50

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Approved: Attest: