

**Western Area Water Supply Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
WAWSA Office April 15, 2021**

Attendees

Members Present: Doug Anderson, Kent Bickler (R&T Alternate), Raoul Brandt, Chris Brostuen, Ellis Haake, Larry Novak, and Mark Owan

Members Present via Video: Gary Rust

Members Absent: Ward Koeser

Others Present: Tami Madsen (WAWSA), Colleen Cannon (WAWSA), Chris Barke (WAWSA), Jacob Monson (WAWSA), Dave Bell (WAWSA), Cory Chorne (AE2S), Kent Ritterman (Moore Engineering), Weston McGruder (AE2S), Grant Meyer (AE2S), Dustin Schultz (AE2S), Grace Demars (City of Watford City), Kenny Bergstrom (City of Williston), Drew Poeckes (West Dakota Water), Craig Haskins (R&T Water), Charles Vein (AE2S), Jeff Schaffer (MCWRD) via video, Liz Suhr (R&T Water) via video, Julius Wakan (MCWRD) via video, and Char Imsland (WAWSA) via video.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Owan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

Owan presented the agenda for approval. **Brostuen moved to approve the agenda, Haake seconded.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the March 18, 2021 board meeting were presented for approval. **Novak moved to approve the minutes as presented, Brostuen seconded.**

AYE: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Brostuen, Haake, Brostuen for Koeser, Novak, Rust, and Owan

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Financial Reports

The March Domestic financial reports and the March Industrial financial reports were presented to the board for their consideration and discussion. **Rust moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Haake seconded.**

AYE: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Brostuen, Haake, Brostuen for Koeser, Novak, Rust, and Owan

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Madsen presented the board with the March capital accounting report.

Executive Director Report

Madsen gave a monthly update on the WAWSA system operations.

Madsen reported that she has explored the recommendations received from the past few meeting regarding the R&T Water Treatment plant. Her recommendation is to continue at 600,000 gallons per day on a 4/3 schedule until demand comes back.

WAWSA has hired Dave Bell as the new Operations Manager for the Williston Water Treatment Plant.

SWC/NDIC Updates

Madsen reported that the additional \$595,100.00 for the state cost share requested for the 29 Mile project was received.

Madsen reported that Steve Mortenson provided testimony to HB 1431 asking to include an amendment to the bill that says WAWSA or any private water provider purchasing water from WAWSA would not be able to sell industrial water in a location where a private provider has the ability and can demonstrate the capacity to provide the industrial water. Mortenson's amendment did not pass on the bonding bill.

WDW Hydrostatic Testing

Madsen reported that she's had an increased ask for hydrostatic testing. Madsen asked for clarification if hydrostatic testing is commercial or industrial sales. **Novak moved to consider hydrostatic testing as commercial sales, Anderson seconded.**

AYE: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Brostuen, Haake, Brostuen for Koeser, Novak, Rust, and Owan

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Moore Engineering Reports

Kent Ritterman with Moore Engineering presented the 29 Mile project update. Ritterman reported that the 29 Mile project was awarded to Carstensen Contracting. He reported that June 2021 is the start date for the south line and July 15th for the main line. Ritterman reported that the projection completion date is estimated to be December 2022.

AE2S Reports

McGruder presented the board with project updates.

Condemnation Request

McGruder reported that there are 2 additional condemnation requests for the North 200K project. He requested a motion to support the decision made by the NWRWD board at their next meeting held on April 20 for the condemnation request. **Anderson moved to support the decision made by the NWRWD board for the condemnation request, Bickler seconded.**

AYE: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Brostuen, Haake, Brostuen for Koeser, Novak, Rust, and Owan

Nay: 0
Carried: 9-0

MCWRD System I Expansion Part II – TO 68

McGruder presented a Carstensen Contracting increase change order #3 for the true-up of project quantities and costs due to the addition of 15 users and 7.3 miles of pipeline and the increased costs for material, labor, and equipment to increase pipe size and pump station capacity for additional users along CR 37 for \$391,563.95, contingent on the approval at MCWRD next board meeting. **Haake moved to approve MCWRD System I Expansion Part II – TO 68 change order #3 for \$391,563.95, contingent on the approval at MCWRD next board meeting, seconded by Brostuen.**

AYE: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Brostuen, Haake, Brostuen for Koeser, Novak, Rust, and Owan
Nay: 0
Carried: 9-0

MCWRD Spring Creek Expansion Invoices for Payment

McGruder reported that the MCWRD Spring Creek Expansion invoices for engineering and construction for this month are \$154,709.95. The amount has been approved by the MCWRD board and county commission board. **Novak moved to approve the invoices for payment, Haake seconded.**

AYE: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Brostuen, Haake, Brostuen for Koeser, Novak, Rust, and Owan
Nay: 0
Carried: 9-0

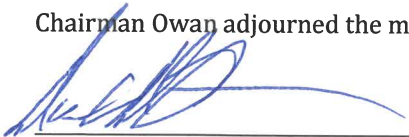
SWC Grant Payment Request

SWC \$21.5M grant monthly request 18-041521 was presented to the board for their approval. **Novak moved to approve the SWC grant request, seconded by Brostuen.**

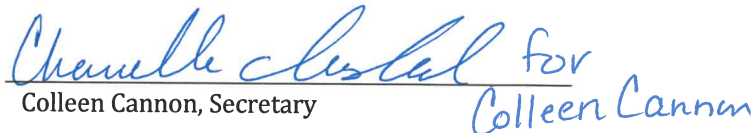
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Nay: 0
Carried: 9-0

Novak moved to adjourn, Brostuen seconded.

Chairman Owan adjourned the meeting.



Mark Owan, Chairman



Colleen Cannon, Secretary