

**Western Area Water Supply Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
WAWSA Office April 20, 2023**

Attendees

Members Present: Doug Anderson, Kent Bickler, Raoul Brandt, Ellis Haake, Larry Novak, and Chris Brostuen, also voting for Ward Koeser.

Members Present Via Video: Matt Beard, Robert Harms, and Gary Rust.

Members Absent: Ward Koeser

Others Present: Tami Madsen (WAWSA), Char Imsland (WAWSA), Dave Bell (WAWSA), Jacob Monson (WAWSA), Weston McGruder (AE2S), Jeff Shaffer (MCWRD), Julius Wakan (MCWRD), Craig Haskins (R&T), Kenny Bergstrom (City of Williston), Cory Chorne (AE2S) via video, Tom Klabunde (Moore Engineering) via video.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Brostuen called the meeting to order at 9:14 am.

Approval of the Agenda

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the March 16, 2023 board meeting minutes were presented for approval. **Novak moved to approve the minutes as presented, Haake seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Novak, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

Financial Reports

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

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Novak, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

Madsen presented the board with the March capital accounting report.

Gary Rust joined the meeting at 9:52 am.

Executive Director Report

Madsen gave a monthly update on water usage and WAWSA system operations.

Madsen reported that WISCO Trucking has requested a depot credit limit increase from \$75,000 to \$200,00. The board agreed that this falls within Madsen's scope of authority but would like to see a policy put together that sets the criteria for depot customer credit limits.

SWC/NDIC Updates

Madsen did not have any SWC or NDIC updates to provide.

Legislative Updates

Madsen reported that the House made an offer on the HB2196 that removes the \$30M credit, moves WAWSA under the SWC, refinances WAWSA's debt for 30 years at 2%, eliminates NDIC/SWC FTE, includes all of WAWSA's other various asks, does not combine the utilities, and the \$30M credit would be tried for under SB2020 bill.

Robert Harms left the meeting at 10:25 am.

MCWRD/WAWSA Fee Waiver

Madsen presented an agreement for McKenzie County to waive permit and recording fees for WAWSA and MCWRD. **Bickler moved to approve the agreement for McKenzie County to waive permit and recording fees for WAWSA and MCWRD, Haake seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Novak, Rust, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

Moore Engineering Report

Klabunde provided the board with a 29-Mile project update.

AE2S Reports

McGruder provided the board with the project updates.

R&T Stanley Part II - TO 67

McGruder informed the board that the bids for the R&T Stanley Part II - TO 67 project were extended until May 11th and he would bring his recommendation of award and task order #2 for the board's approval to the May board meeting. **Haake moved to table the recommendation of award and task order #2 for the R&T Stanley Part II - TO 67 project until the May meeting, Bickler seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Novak, Rust, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

MCWRD Invoices for Payment

The MCWRD System IV Part IV - TO 77 and the MCWRD System I South Expansion - TO 80 invoices for engineering and construction for the month have a combined total of \$424,956.76. **Anderson moved to**

approve the MCWRD System IV Part IV - TO 77 and the MCWRD System I South Expansion - TO 80 invoices for payment, Novak seconded.

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Novak, Rust, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

SWC Grant Payment Request

SWC \$24M grant request 42-042023, SWC \$7.1M grant request 5-042023, SWC \$9.6M grant request 7-042023, and SWC \$398K grant request 2-042023 were presented to the board for their approval. **Novak moved to approve the SWC grant requests, Haake seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Novak, Rust, and Brostuen

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

Rust moved to adjourn, Anderson seconded.



Chris Brostuen, Chairman



Char Imsland, Secretary