

**Western Area Water Supply Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
WAWSA Office May 18, 2023**

Attendees

Members Present: Doug Anderson, Matt Beard, Kent Bickler, Raoul Brandt, Ellis Haake, Robert Harms, Ward Koeser, also voting for Chris Brostuen, Larry Novak, and Gary Rust.

Members Absent: Chris Brostuen

Others Present: Char Imsland (WAWSA), Cheryl McNeil (WAWSA), Jacob Monson (WAWSA), Dave Bell (WAWSA), Weston McGruder (AE2S), Cory Chorne (AE2S), Kenny Bergstrom (City of Williston), Jeff Shaffer (MCWRD), Justin Smith (City of Watford City), Craig Haskins (R&T), Liz Suhr (R&T), Tami Madsen (WAWSA) via phone, Tom Klabunde (Moore Engineering) via phone.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice-Chairman Haake called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of the Agenda

Haake presented the agenda for approval. **Koeser moved to approve the agenda as presented, Bickler seconded.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the April 20, 2023 board meeting were presented for approval. **Rust moved to approve the minutes as presented, Anderson seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Rust

Nay: 0

Carried: 8-0

Financial Reports

Matt Beard joined the meeting at 9:08 am.

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

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Rust

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Weston McGruder with AE2S presented the board with the April capital accounting report.

Executive Director Report

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

SWC/NDIC/Legislative Updates

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

Madsen provided the board with a Legislative update.

Moore Engineering Report

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

AE2S Reports

McGruder presented the board with the project updates.

R&T Stanley Part II – TO 67

McGruder gave the recommendation to award the base and alternate 1 on the R&T Stanley Part II – TO 67 project to the lowest bidder Carstensen Contracting, LLC with a low bid of \$8,196,020.00 contingent on the bid and acceptance of the DEQ. **Brandt moved to approve the recommendation to award bid to the lowest bidder Carstensen Contracting, LLC with a low bid of \$8,196,020.00 for the R&T Stanley Part II – TO 67 project, Koeser seconded.**

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

Nay: Harms

Carried: 8-1

McGruder also presented task order amendment #2 for the R&T Stanley Part II – TO 67 project for \$894,000.00. **Novak moved to approve task order amendment #2 for \$894,000.00, Brandt seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Rust

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

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 \$867,466.34. **Koeser moved to approve the MCWRD System IV Part IV – TO 77 and the MCWRD System I South Expansion – TO 80 invoices for payment, Rust seconded.**

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

Nay: Harms

Carried: 8-1

SWC Grant Payment Request

SWC \$24M grant request 43-051823, SWC \$7.1M grant request 06-051823, SWC \$9.6M grant request 08-051823, and SWC \$4M grant request 01-051823 were presented to the board for their approval. **Beard moved to approve the SWC grant requests, Rust seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Harms, Koeser, Novak, and Rust

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Anderson moved to adjourn, Rust seconded.


Chris Brostuen, Chairman


Char Imsland, Secretary