

**Western Area Water Supply Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
WAWSA Office June 15, 2023**

Attendees

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

Members Present via Video: Matt Beard and Larry Novak

Members Absent: Robert Harms

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

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Brostuen called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of the Agenda

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the May 18, 2023, board meeting were presented for approval. **Koeser moved to approve the minutes as presented, Anderson seconded.**

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

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Financial Reports

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

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

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

Madsen presented the board with the May capital accounting report.

Executive Director Report

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

SWC/NDIC/Legislative Updates

Madsen provided the board with the SWC, NDIC, and Legislative updates.

Quarterly Safety Update

Dave Bell presented the board with the Quarter 2 safety update.

29-Mile Project Update

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

AE2S Reports

McGruder presented the board with the project updates.

R&T East White Earth – TO 63

McGruder presented the Carstensen Contracting, Inc. balancing change order #10 for -\$70,468.41 for the R&T East White Earth – TO 63 project. **Koeser moved to approve Carstensen Contracting balancing change order #10 for -\$70,468.41 for R&T East White Earth – TO 63, Anderson seconded.**

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

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

McGruder also presented the final inspection and acceptance for the R&T East White Earth – TO 63 project. McGruder reported that the one-year warranty period began on May 31, 2023. **Haake moved to approve the final inspection and acceptance for R&T East White Earth – TO 63, Anderson seconded.**

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

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

MCWRD Invoices for Payment

The MCWRD System I North Expansion – TO 76, System IV Part IV – TO 77, System I South Expansion – TO 80, and Phase II Transmission Line – TO 81 invoices for engineering and construction for the month have a combined total of \$727,762.17. **Haake moved to approve the MCWRD System I North Expansion – TO 76, System IV Part IV – TO 77, System I South Expansion – TO 80, and Phase II Transmission Line – TO 81 invoices for payment.**

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

Nay: 0

Carried: 9-0

SWC Grant Payment Request

SWC \$24M grant request 44-061523, SWC \$9.6M grant request 09-061523, and SWC \$4M grant request 02-061523 were presented to the board for their approval. **Beard moved to approve the SWC grant requests, Rust seconded.**

Aye: Anderson, Beard, Bickler, Brandt, Haake, Koeser, Novak, Rust and Brostuen
Nay: 0
Carried: 9-0

Leadership Retreat / July Board Meeting

Madsen reported that the ND Water Resource District Association's Joint Summer Water Meeting in Dickinson is being held on the same day as the July board meeting. The Board decided to move the July meeting to July 27, 2023, at 9:00 am.

Haake moved to adjourn, Anderson seconded.



Chris Brostuen, Chairman



Char Imsland, Secretary