

February 18, 2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PEMBINA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS HELD IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT BUILDING,  
CAVALIER, NORTH DAKOTA.

Those present were Managers Joshua Heuchert, Charles Thacker, Randall Emanuelson, Donald Kemp, and LuAnn Kemp, secretary.

A motion was made by Charles Thacker, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to approve payment of the following bills:

A motion was made by Donald Kemp, seconded by Randall Emanuelson, by vote unanimously carried to approve the 2020 operating loan with United Valley bank.

Discussion on the Tongue River dam (Senator Young, Olson, Bourbanis) public meeting with NRCS. The regular meeting will be moved to March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 for this purpose.

Discussion on the notification for the feasibility study and the Snow and Ice ad.

The Tongue River Watershed planning project was discussed. Those present included: Christi Fischer- NRCS, Mary Podell – NRCS, Jon Peterson – NRCS, Brad Kingery, Brian Gysbers – NRCS and Zach Herrman – Houston Engineering. Fischer and Peterson reviewed the proposal for two holding ponds with approximately 200 acre feet of retention off-channel. The cost for the ponds and channel restorations is around \$5.3 million. Discussion followed on funding proposals for both finishing the plan and construction. NRCS would potentially cost-share 100% of flood control and 75% of Erosion control. Current agreement for planning will expire later this year. The board had previously moved to stop the planning process.

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Richard Kendall, by vote unanimously carried to request Houston and NRCS to project the costs to finish the planning process to a project proposal.

Hermann reported on the Cart Creek -North Branch watershed plan. Drain 80 – discussion followed on splits, double assessments, and the next steps. Snagging and clearing hearing will be scheduled for early this spring/summer to allow for work if water conditions allow in late summer.

A motion was made by Charles Thacker, seconded by Donald Kemp by vote unanimously carried to approve the engineer estimate for Wieler Dam Safety repairs and submit to SWC and RRJB for cost-share.

Manager Heuchert reported that the drain 81 and Tongue River cut-off cost-shares were approved.

Manager Kemp discussed his conversations with Mike Anderson -SWC – will be meeting with the St. Thomas City Council in March. Board will have Fleming draft a letter requesting an answer by March 15<sup>th</sup> to allow removal before spring run-off if needed.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

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Joshua Heuchert, Chairman