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by the Park River Joint Water Resource District**

November 14, 2023
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK RIVER JOINT
WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
Grafton, NORTH DAKOTA.

The Park River Joint Board met on November 14, 2023 in the Walsh County Water Resource District Office. Those present included: Larry Tanke, Albin Jallo, Daryl Campbell, Randall Emanuelson and Ted Juhl. Also present: LuAnn Kemp, Sarah Johnston, Zach Herrmann, Brian Fuder -Red River Retention, and Russell Hannesson.

A motion was made by Larry Tanke, seconded by Albin Jallo, by vote unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023

A motion was made by Randall Emanuelson, seconded by Albin Jallo, by vote unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Current balance is \$209,431.09 with approximately \$35,000 in outstanding engineering bills. There is some remaining cost-share at the state (\$4904) and RRJB (\$9125). Federal cost-share has been exhausted.

Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering reviewed the progress of the design as well as updates from public and landowner meetings. Discussion followed on the continued maintenance of the cattail and biomass harvesting. Landowner interest had declined dramatically at this time. Public support has also diminished since earlier in the project.

Brian Fuder – Red River Retention discussed an updated tool to help with valuations of benefits of retention projects.

A motion was made by Larry Tanke, seconded by Albin Jallo, by vote unanimously carried to terminate the Cart Creek/North Branch project at the end of this phase and not proceed with further agreements. Roll call vote – Emanuelson -yes, Juhl – yes, Tanke – yes, Campbell – yes, Jallo – yes.

Discussion followed on the value of finishing this phase and will proceed with the public EIS meeting in December as originally planned. This will allow the watershed planning document to be finalized and can be used in the future in public support desires undertaking the project again.

Remaining funds will be held in the Park River Joint accounts for further project development and analysis. CD rates will be reviewed as an option to holding the balance in the checking.

Attest: _____
LuAnn Kemp, Secretary

Daryl Campbell, Chairman