

BCWRD Meeting Minutes
 July 12, 2023
 Approved – August 7, 2023 Meeting

Agenda Items	Discussion	Board Action	Responsible Party(s)	Due Date
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Present: James Landenberger; Dennis Reep; Randy Binegar; Cory Palm; Roger Smith; Jerry Woodcox, Burleigh County Commissioner; Michael Gunsch and Travis Johnson, Houston Engineering; Dave Bliss, Bliss Law Firm, and Wendy Egli, Fronteer Professional Services
Others Present: Dave Robinson and Dave Mayer (Bismarck Parks & Rec); Steve Leibel (Knoll Leibel LLP); Julie Fettig, John & Alice Homelvig, Rick Beierle; Jay Beyer; Steve Isles

Chairman Landenberger called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

	Discussion	Action Taken	Responsible Party(s)	Due Date
Approval of 06/14/2023 Minutes		Mgr. Smith motions to approve 06/14/2023 minutes, Mgr. Binegar seconds. Carried by voice vote		
Amendments and Approval of Agenda		Mgr. Reep motions to approve agenda as amended, Mgr. Palm seconds. Carried by voice vote.		
Comments from Members of the Pubic	None noted.			
McDowell Dam				
Facility Update	Water access was closed on July 1 st due to blue algae uncertainty. It was reopened on July 3 rd after the health department was out and confirmed that although there was some it was well under the thresholds.			
Supplemental Water Supply Intake site Easement	They are in the process of getting ready to survey and secure easements			
Biennium Cost Share Reimbursement Request	This was submitted and a copy is in the packet			
McDowell Dam Inspection Auxiliary Spillway Inlet Erosion	Holding off until 2024			
Financial Reports				
Balance Sheet	None noted.	Mgr. Reep motion to approve balance sheet; Mgr. Smith second. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.		
Profit & Loss	None Noted	Mgr. Reep motion to approve profit & loss; Mgr. Binegar second. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.		

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Drainage Permits/Complaints/ Issues: Open	6460 80 th St NE – Iverson Complaint Houston Engineering’s determination is that the waterway in question does not constitute a watercourse. Recommendation is to dismiss the complaint and advise legal counsel to notify the parties relative to their ability to appeal this determination. This finding results in the board not having jurisdiction.	Mgr Palm motions to dismiss this formal complaint and accept Houston’s report as a matter of record and ask legal counsel to draft a letter to the parties. Mgr. Binegar seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.		
	6260 80 th St NE – Fettig Complaint – See above	Mgr. Palm motioned to dismiss based on above findings. Mgr. Binegar seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.		
	7232 Signal St – Schaff Mgr. Palm went out to the location and found trees planted within the waterway. Mgr. Palm is attempting to contact the individuals who planted the trees. He will work with Houston Engineering to determine next steps.			
Drainage Permits/Complaints/ Issues: Closed	None			
Projects				
Sibley Island	Alternative #5 – we have general landowner concurrent with this alternative. This requires the economic assessment to need to be revised. This revision is in process and it looks like there will be a reduction in costs.			
Hoge Island	Public Informational meeting was held. Michael Gunsch from Houston Engineering went over the timeline. Discussion about the fact that this is two projects, the state portion (Section 32) and the special assessment district. Regardless of the vote on the assessment district, the state will still proceed with the section 32 portion of the project. One resident emailed with some concerns, Mr. Gunsch replied. Another resident has requested a meeting and that will take place in the next day or two. Jay Beyer questions whether sheet piling was an option. Michael Gunsch stated that it is not. It is more expensive and will most likely fail. Question was asked about how the contractor will access the location. This has not been determined. Easements that are			

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	currently in place do allow for access. If something is damaged in this process it will be repaired. Informational meeting was closed at 9:02 am.			
Public Comments				
Other Old Business				
Highway Dept O&M Agreements	No Updates			
Policy Manual	No Updates			
New Business				
2024 Budget	Our current mill request is 1.75, the commission asked if we could survive with slightly less (1.62 mill.) Budget hearings are July 19-20, 2023.			
ND WRD Summer Meeting	Roger, James, and Dennis will be attending			
Approval of Bills	Bills and payroll were presented totaling \$88,348.19	Mgr. Reep motions to approve payment of bills. Mr. Smith 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.		
Next Meeting	The next meeting date is Monday, August 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM in the Tom Baker Room.	Mgr. Palm motions to move the August meeting to Monday, August 7th based on room availability. Mgr. Binegar 2nd. Motion passed by voice vote.		

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Wendy Egli, BCWRD Admin. Secretary