

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes – April 18, 2023, 3 PM

Board Attending:

Rod Tjoelker
 Scott James

Marty Maberry
 Jeb Miller

Greg Ebe

Others Attending:

Gavin Willis
 Jay Chennault
 Bill Clarke
 Trevor Gearhart

Henry Bierlink
 Katie Faber
 David Haggith
 Brandy Reed

Alan Chapman
 Fred Likkel
 Frank Corey

x – present

o – absent with notice

t – teleconference

p – proxy

Rod called the meeting to order at 3:00.

1. Consent Agenda

- a. March 21 minutes were reviewed.
- b. Financial report was reviewed.
- c. Jeb moved to approve the consent agenda. Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ag Water Board / Water Supply

- a. Henry provided an update on HB1792. At this point we are just waiting on the governor to sign it.
- b. Board reviewed a draft letter to the Watershed Management Board.
 - i. Letter encourages WMB to implement flood, drainage, and water supply as part of land use planning. Also need WMB to encourage all entities to fully participate in any cooperative settlements related to water supply.
 - ii. Ag should have a vote on the WMB as well, and change sin governance since the WMB was implemented give legitimacy to that request

3. Drainage / Habitat / Flood

- a. FLIP Team and water storage meetings are ongoing. The next FLIP team meeting is at the end of the month
- b. Follow-up to the buffer discussion from the previous meeting.
 - i. Most of the mainstem of Dakota and California have fairly good buffer coverage
 - ii. A few priority areas identified on Dakota, near Enterprise Rd, and also on California near I5
 - iii. Discussion about letter to landowners
- c. Gavin shared a draft letter to the State Conservation Commission re: their new buffer program

- i. WID board would like to see something in the letter related to urban impacts on streams and lack of public commentary related to that
 - ii. Will also generalize the stats about local buffers
 - iii. Gavin will incorporate the feedback from the board and send the letter to the SCC
 - d. Jay shared an update on the augmentation project
 - e. Discussion about beaver management
 - i. BWID is dealing with beaver issues on some land that is partly in DWID as well.
 - ii. Greg motioned to create a contract with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services for up to 80 hours of beaver control work. Jeb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - iii. Gavin will follow up with USDA to get that contract set up.

4. Water Quality

- a. Trevor provided an update on water quality
 - i. SF Dakota at Delta Line had a high count. Discussion about potential cause. Will continue to monitor

5. Education / Communications

- a. Gavin provided an informational update on the carbon tax
- b. Website – northlyndenwid.com

6. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. None

7. Next Meetings

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 3 PM.

Rod adjourned the meeting at 4:37.

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____