

Elm River Joint Water Resource District
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

The Elm River Joint Water Resource District met on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at the Traill County WRD office in Hillsboro, North Dakota. Present were Chairman Robert Thompson and Water Managers Josh Ihry and Andy Neset. Lyndon Pease, Joshua Hassell, Ben Kugler, and Nathan Trosen, the Board's engineers; Sean Fredricks, the Board's attorney; Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer; Traill County WRD Managers Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas, Jason Siegert, Gary Thompson; Steele County WRD Manager Tor Bergstrom; and Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Treasurer for the Steele County Water Resource District were also present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Manager Neset moved to approve the minutes of the December 8 meeting. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Manager Ihry moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Neset moved to approve the bills as presented. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Elm River Dams No. 1 and No. 2 Improvement Project No. 2022-01 Update

Lyndon Pease provided an update on Elm River Dam No. 1 (Steele Dam) and Dam No. 2 (Augustadt Dam). Moore submitted the State construction permit on November 23 for Elm River Dam No. 1, which included signed plans, specifications, and a design documentation report. Moore submitted the State construction permit on December 12 for Elm River Dam No. 2, which included signed plans, specifications, and the design document report.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023 for both dams.

The cost estimate has been updated: Total - \$3,650,000; SWC - \$2,124,000; RRJWRD - \$1,373,400; Cass County - \$101,733 (2/3 of the local share); Local - \$50,867.

Mr. Pease will attend the State Water Commission meeting on February 13 to address any questions the Commission has regarding the construction cost-share request. The cost-share agreements previously approved by the Red River Joint WRD will need to be updated to reflect the updated cost estimate figures. The Cass County Flood Sales Tax Committee previously approved \$95,267 as part of their portion of cost-share for the project.

Elm River Dam No. 3 Update

Mr. Pease provided an update on Elm River Dam No. 3 (Cass Dam). The construction permit was submitted on January 17, 2023, which included signed plans, specifications, and a design documentation report. The cost estimate has been updated: Total - \$700,000; SWC - \$408,000; RRJWRD - \$262,800; Cass County - \$26,280 (90% of the local share); and Local - \$2,920.

The cost-share agreement with the State Water Commission will need to be updated. An additional cost-share request will be submitted to the State Water Commission for consideration at their April 13 meeting. The cost-share agreement with Red River Joint WRD will need to be updated to reflect the updated cost estimate figures. The Cass County Flood Sales Tax Committee previously approved \$16,830 as part of their portion of cost-share for the project.

An informational meeting on the Elm River Dams renovations will be held on Thursday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m. at the Galesburg Fire Hall, Galesburg, ND.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Thompson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Secretary