

Elm River Joint Water Resource District
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

The Elm River Joint Water Resource District met on Tuesday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m., in Hillsboro, North Dakota, and via WebEx. Present were Chairman Robert Thompson (virtual) and Water Managers Josh Ihry (virtual) and Andy Neset. Lyndon Pease (virtual), Nathan Trosen, and Kelly Olson, the Board's engineers were also present. Sean Fredericks, the Board's attorney; Cassie Tostenson, attorney for the Steele County Water Resource District; Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Treasurer for the Steele County Water Resource District; and North Cass WRD Manager Wes Ecker and Steele County WRD Manager Greg Thykeson also attended virtually; Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer; and Traill County WRD Water Managers Joel Halvorson, Jason Lovas, Jason Siegert, and Gary Thompson were also present.

Approval of March 9 Meeting Minutes

Manager Neset moved to approve the minutes of the March 9 meeting. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Approve bills – Manager Ihry moved to approve the bills as presented. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- b. Bill payment guidelines – there was discussion regarding guidelines to ensure bills are paid in a timely manner. With the Elm River Dams 1 and 2 Improvement project moving forward, the board will meet consistently and will be able to review and approve bills more frequently.

Engineering Agreements/Task Order

Manager Neset moved to approve the Master Services Agreement with Moore Engineering. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Manager Neset moved to approve Moore Engineering's Task Order #1 for the design, permitting and emergency action plan of the Elm River Dams 1 and 2 Improvement project. Manager Ihry seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Elm River Dam No. 1 and No. 2

- a. Cost-share agreements – Red River Joint WRD approved the Traill County Water Board's 90% cost-share request; the Board submitted the request on behalf of the Elm River Joint WRD since Elm River is not a member of the Red River Joint WRD. Manager Ihry moved to have Traill County WRD sign the cost-share agreement with Red River Joint WRD on behalf of Elm River Joint WRD. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. A cost-share request was submitted to Cass County Flood Sales Tax Committee in the amount of \$95,267 for the Elm River Dams 1 and 2 Improvements. The request went before the committee on April 18 and was approved.
- b. Bonding – Katie Schmidt, Ohnstad Twichell Bond Counsel, will prepare bond resolution for temporary bond funding for consideration at the board's meeting on May 3.
- c. Resolution – Manager Ihry moved to approve the Elm River Joint WRD Resolution Authorizing Elm River Dam No. 1 and Elm River Dam No. 2 Improvement Project No.

2022-01. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

APPROVED:

Robert Thompson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Secretary