

Elm River Joint Water Resource District
Wednesday, July 6, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

The Elm River Joint Water Resource District met on Wednesday, July 6, at 9:30 a.m., in Hillsboro, North Dakota, and via WebEx. Present were Chairman Robert Thompson and Water Managers Andy Neset and Greg Thykeson (virtual). Lyndon Pease (virtual), Nathan Trosen, and Ben Kugler (virtual), the Board's engineers were also present. Sean Fredericks, the Board's attorney; Tasha Krueger, Secretary-Treasurer for the Steele County Water Resource District; and Jessica Spaeth, Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

Approval of June 7 Meeting Minutes

Manager Neset moved to approve the minutes of the June 7 meeting. Manager Thykeson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Approve bills – Manager Neset moved to approve the bills as presented. Manager Thykeson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Procedures

Manager Neset moved to accept the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policies and Procedures as presented. Manager Thykeson seconded. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Lyndon Pease provided an update on Elm River Dam No. 1 and No. 2. Soil boring and lab testing has been completed for Elm River Dam No. 1 (Steele Dam). Soil borings have been completed and testing is ongoing for Elm River Dam No. 2 (Augustadt Dam). Some topographic survey has been completed at both dams, and more will be collected once the water levels recede low enough.

Elm River Dam No. 3 Update

Lyndon Pease provided an update on Elm River Dam No. 3. Discussion was held regarding preference of metal vs. concrete structures and the timeframe for project completion. Replacing the existing metal pipe with concrete pipe would require a State construction permit, which would potentially delay construction. The Board prefers to replace with concrete pipe if construction can be completed this year.

Under direction of the Board, Moore applied for cost-share through the State Water Commission (60%), Red River Joint WRD (90% of non-state cost-share), and Cass County Sales Tax (75% of remaining local share), leaving approximately 1% remaining for local match. Department of Water Resources Pre-commission meeting is July 14 at 1:00 p.m. Red River Joint WRD Executive Committee meets July 13 at 1:30 p.m. Cass County Sales Tax Committee tentatively scheduled to meet August 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Manager Thykeson moved to approve the Red River Joint WRD Cost-Share Agreement. Manager Neset seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Thompson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jessica Spaeth, Secretary