

DEVILS LAKE BASIN JOINT WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held Wednesday, July 12th, 2017, Historical Meeting Room located on the lower level of the Ramsey County Courthouse, Devils Lake, ND.

Vice-Chairman Tweed called the meeting to order at 8 am. The roll call of the counties was taken with the following representatives present.

Cavalier County	Larry Gellner
Eddy County	Mike Tweed
Nelson County	Mike Donohue
Pierce County	Duane Hawk
Ramsey County	Duaine Ash
Rolette County	Absent
Towner County	Randy Benson
Walsh County	Albin Jallo

Vice-Chairman Tweed stated that minutes of the June 14th board meeting had been sent out and asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes and if there were any corrections or additions. **Gellner moved to approve the minutes of the June 14th, 2017 meeting, second by Ash, motion passed unanimously.**

The financial report for June was presented:

30-Jun-17

ASSETS

Current Assets

Administration -\$3,056.12

Projects \$10,432.19

Bremer-Checking Account -

Other -\$633.45

Total Bremer-Checking

Account \$6,742.62

Bremer Investment Account

Administration \$87,879.65

Pilot Project Fund -\$1,109.50

Projects \$172,653.91

TV Documentary \$7,120.82

Upper Basin Test Project \$11,746.45

Bremer Investment Account -

Other -\$8,875.23

Total Bremer Investment

Account \$269,416.10

WSB-ADMIN-CD \$29,396.77

Total Checking/Savings \$305,555.49

Total Current Assets \$305,555.49

TOTAL ASSETS \$305,555.49

Opening Bal Equity \$40,201.71

Retained Earnings \$151,112.67

Net Income \$114,239.29

Total Equity \$305,553.67

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$305,555.49

Jallo moved to approve the financial report for June, second by Hawk, motion carried unanimously.

The following list of bills was presented for payment:

July 2017 Bills	Amount	Ck #
DDI (Water Tour Lunch)	\$281.25	4237
North Dakota Coffee Conection	\$228.46	4236
NDTC (Website Hosting)	\$30.70	4238
Leevers Foods North (June Meeting Expenses)	\$28.10	4239
Insure Forward (General Liability Insurance)	\$1,115.00	4240
Jeff Frith, (Manager Cell Phone Expense July 2017)	\$101.25	4241
Jeff Frith, (Manager June 2017 Travel Expense)	\$64.80	4241
Ramsey County Auditor: Rent	\$190.00	4242
Ramsey County Auditor: Pstg *	\$37.74	4242
Ramsey County Auditor: Telephone:	\$55.49	4242
Ramsey County Water Resource District (Copier Rent)	\$125.00	4245
Ramsey County Auditor	\$4,581.39	4243
Dell Computers	\$3,233.32	4246
ND PERs - Health Insurance	\$1,558.38	4244

* Includes \$20.00 Postage Meter Fee

 Total Admin	\$11,121.17
 Total General Project	

Total **\$11,121.17**

Hawk moved to approve the bills as listed for the month of July, second by Benson, motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS & DELEGATIONS:

A list of those in attendance is included in the signup sheet.

AGENCY REPORTS:

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION: No Report, No Representative Present

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE: No Representative was in attendance however Greg Gust did send a report which Frith presented to the board and audience.

ND GAME & FISH: Randy Hiltner was present and gave an update on the on-going work that the ND Game & Fish is doing in the Devils Lake Basin. Also discussed the on-going efforts of the Aquatic Nuisance Coordinator is doing in the basin with boat check and bait vendors. They are still working on their summer netting surveys and Devils Lake was stacked with a record 1.4 million Walleye.

NRCS: Paul Thompson, District Conservationist was in attendance and gave an update on all the work being done by NRCS in the Devils Lake Basin. Haying requests are coming in and they will be opening up WRP/WRE along with CRP and Water bank acres and will be starting on the 15th of July. New Water Bank signed up 12 to 15 contracts and the money needs to be obligated by the end of September.

US FISH & WILDLIFE: No report, no representative in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER TOUR:

Frith stated that on the screen he has the completed surveys from the Water Tour that was held on June 21st. Frith stated that based on the surveys Camp Grafton was the most popular part of the tour. Frith wanted to thank board members that were present on the tour and took over for him when he had wheelchair and vehicle problems. Frith stated that it wasn't a real good day for him and that he felt bad for having to miss so much of the tour due to his problems.

ND WATER RESOURCE DISTRICTS JOINT SUMMER CONFERENCE:

Frith stated that the upcoming Joint Summer Conference starts tomorrow and concludes on Friday July 14th at the Holiday Inn Riverside in Minot. Frith stated that he originally wasn't planning on attending the conference but was asked that he attend. Frith stated that he will give a report on the conference at next month's meeting.

DL BASIN JOINT BOARD BYLAWS AND JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS REVIEW:

Frith stated that he hasn't heard back from the attorney reviewing the Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreements yet. This will be reviewed at next month's board meeting.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

PLEDGE OF ASSETS:

Frith stated that this is something that is done every six months. The Board acknowledged receipt of the pledge of assets from Bremer Bank in the amount of \$238,730.00 as of 06/30/16. Pledges include:

<u>Security</u>	<u>Cusip#</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Wells Fargo		02/1/2032	\$238,730.00

Gellner moved to approve the pledge of assets from Bremer Bank, second by Hawk, motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION:

Frith stated this was brought up by a member county asking why doesn't the joint board pay the board member's compensation, travel and daily wage for attending the joint board meetings. It was discussed that it would cost the joint board between 15 and 20 thousand dollars annually to pay that fee to board members and that money could be better spent on basin wide projects. No action was taken.

UPDATED 2017 BOARD MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Frith passed out an updated 2017 board member contact list which changed the listing for chairman, vice-chairman and replaced Bob Shirek with Albin Jallo. Frith asked board members if they had any changes to their information to let him know.

NOXIOUS PLANTS in the DEVILS LAKE BASIN:

Frith stated that the Noxious Plant Salt Cedar was discovered on the lake shore south of the city of Devils Lake. Frith introduced Ramsey County Weed Control Officer Roger Gunderson who explain where the plants were found, and handed out an information sheet that talked about the plant. Frith pulled up pictures on the internet for board and audience members to review. Mr. Gunderson stated that he has arraigned for a boat to inspect shoreline areas around Devils Lake including the outlet areas. The board mentioned to Mr. Gunderson that if he needed any assistance to let Frith know and he can contact board members for assistance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Frith stated that the Water Topics Legislative Interim Committee will be meeting on July 25th in Bismarck and he plans to attend.

CORRESPONDANCE & MISCELLANEOUS:

Frith stated that correspondence and miscellaneous items include the monthly moisture report and lake levels.

STATE WATER COMMISSION REPORT: Tim Dodd reported:
Area Lake Levels* as of 7/10/2017

Devils Lake Elevation	-	1451.20 ft
Area of Lake	-	158,000 acres
Volume of Lake	-	3.02 million ac-ft
Stump Lake Elevation	-	1451.27 ft (7/6/17)
Area of Lake	-	16,300 acres
Volume of Lake	-	578,000 ac-ft
Morrison Lake	-	1458.73 ft
Dry Lake	-	1451.12 ft

Change in Elevation, Area, and Volume (Combined Lakes)

Devils Lake at Creel Bay	Since Max 1454.3 ft (6/27/11)	Past Year (7/12/16)	2017 Peak 1451.70 (5/8/17)
Total Elevation	- 3.1 ft	+ 1.0 ft	- 0.5 ft
Total Volume	-592,000 ac-ft	+170,000 ac-ft	-88,600 ac-ft
Total Area	-33,700 ac	+9,340 ac	- 4,940 ac

Hydrologic Update

June precipitation was near average in the basin after a relatively dry spring. The most recent hydrologic outlook on June 20th forecasted a **50% chance of the lake falling to 1450.2 ft** and a **25% chance of 1450.0 ft** by December.

Outlet Updates

The combined average discharge rate was **398 cfs in June** and the total 2017 outlet discharge was **41,382 acre-feet** as of June 30th. June discharge was limited slightly by power outages and precipitation in the Upper Sheyenne Basin. Foam has not yet limited discharge of the West Outlet but we continue to monitor closely for any changes.

Scheduled maintenance of the West Outlet canal is occurring this week and discharges are currently reduced. Discharge of the East Outlet will also be reduced to prevent exceedances of downstream water quality constraints.

Recent Sulfate Concentrations

Round Lake Intake:	614 mg/L as of 6/23/2017
East Devils Lake Intake:	1010 mg/L as of 6/23/2017
Sheyenne at Flora:	455 mg/L as of 7/5/2017
Sheyenne at Pekin:	770 mg/L as of 7/5/2017
Below Baldhill Dam:	447 mg/L as of 7/5/2017
Red River at Pembina:	333 mg/L as of 6/28/2017

BASIN BOARD REPORTS:

Cavalier County: Gellner stated that they have been quiet and dry.

Eddy County: Tweed stated that they met yesterday and the biggest item they discussed was what to pay themselves for attending meetings. In the end, it was decided to increase their pay from \$65 to \$100.

Nelson County: Donohue reported that they are getting some new equipment with Walsh County to better measure telemetry on the Michigan Spillway.

Pierce County: Hawk reported that they are doing 25 miles of cattail spraying this year and that they have had several beaver issues in the Hurricane Lake area. Hawk reported that the issues with Rolette County that was brought up at last month's meeting is still ongoing.

Ramsey County: Ash stated that they had a long, 4 hour plus, meeting. They advertised for Cattail Spraying and only had three requests this year.

Rolette County: Haakenson was unable to attend today's meeting.

Towner County: Benson stated that the final payments on the Bisbee Dam have been made. They continued to be concerned with the potential for Carp entering into the Devils Lake Basin via the area near Rock Lake. He stated that they are frustrated that they can't seem to come together with Game & Fish and ND Department of Transportation.

Walsh County: Jallo reported that they have a lot of new projects going on with new groups of people coming in each week. He stated that they met with NRCS and inspected dams within the county

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Frith gave the board an update on all the activities that he has been doing throughout the past month and what is to come for the rest of the month.

Vice-Chairman Tweed thanked everyone for coming today and reminded everyone that the next Joint Board meeting will in Devils Lake on **Wednesday, August 9th**. Meeting was adjourned

Date approved: **August 9^h, 2017**

Sherwood Haakenson, Chairman

Jeff W. Frith, Manager