

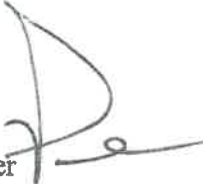


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Agenda Item #11

Memorandum

Date: October 20, 2020
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
RE: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Water Resources Subcommittee met via video/teleconference at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020. Subcommittee members participating included Bob Andersen, Chelsea Johnson, Karen Amen, Vern Barrett, Greg Osborn, David Landis, and Dan Steinkruger. Others accessing the meeting included Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, Dave Hladik of Valparaiso, Mike Sotak of FYRA Engineering, Tracy Zayac, Mike Murren, Steve Herdzina, Craig Matulka, Dick Ehrman, Dan Schulz, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Andersen opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Dave Hladik reported that he was calling in from harvest and he'd like to participate when he's available. The item concerning the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard SMA Irrigation allocation violation was moved up and discussed. Herdzina reviewed his attached memo on the situation and proposed process/timeline. The steps from here are:

1. Notify landowner (Hladik/Hanson/Ragusa) of November WRS Meeting and invitation to attend.
2. Herdzina completes the Investigator's Report.
3. November WRS Meeting Subcommittee determines if probable violation has occurred and alleged violator can request a formal hearing.
4. November Board Meeting – report to Board and any Subcommittee recommendations.
5. December Board Meeting, conduct public hearing, if requested by landowner. Subcommittee recommendation is accepted or rejected.

Hladik stated that he had three points he wanted to discuss. First, there are actually 2 wells on the farm and only 1 well is over the allocation. Second, the Rule & Regulation changes last winter resulted in gravity irrigator's annual maximum allocation being reduced by 2 inches/year, he wants those 2 inches back, and thirdly, he really doesn't agree with the whole allocation rule or reasoning.

The Subcommittee briefly discussed the situation and let Hladik know that we will inform him of the November Subcommittee date and time and will invite them to that Subcommittee Meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a report by Potter on the Upper Salt 3-A/SW 2nd Street Project and the need to enter into a modification of the Memorandum of Understanding with USDA/NRCS to formalize the reimbursement of additional landrights and relocation costs, up to 65% of the total project cost. A copy of the proposed Modification #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding is attached. It was moved by Osborn, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve Modification No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with USDA/NRCS for the Upper Salt 3-A watershed structure rehabilitation project.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received for the Upper Salt 6-1 Spillway Replacement Project. Matulka reviewed the location of the project northeast of Hallam and that the principal spillway pipe must be replaced on the 61 year old dam. Matulka reviewed the attached memo from Mike Sotak on the bids received at Monday's bid opening. Sotak reported that he was pleased with the interest in the project (6 bids) and he felt that they underestimated the cost due to the smaller size of the project and the difficult access. It was moved by Landis, seconded by Amen, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the bid of \$86,579.20 from Pat Thomas Construction of Lincoln, NE for the Upper Salt 6-1 Spillway Replacement Project.**

The next item on the agenda was a report by Zayac on the proposed Landowner Irrigation Agreement for NRD dams. A copy of the proposed agreement is attached. Zayac reported that the Subcommittee direction has been included in the agreement and the agreement covers the basics of what is needed, depending on the situation there will be the opportunity for site specific provisions. The Subcommittee discussed the options for covering NRD costs to administer the program. The Subcommittee discussed a flat fee vs a reimbursement of actual costs and the pros and cons of each. It was moved by Barrett, seconded by Landis, and approved by the Subcommittee members present on a vote of 5 "yes" and 1 "no" (Steinkruger voted "no" and Amen had left the meeting) to **change the annual fee in the Irrigation Agreement from \$20/year to \$50/year.**

Mike Murren then gave a construction update for the Oak-Middle 82-B and Upper Salt 3-A Watershed Rehabilitation Projects. Gary Hellerich requested some time at the next Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting to talk about the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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cc: Steve Seglin & Corey Wasserburger