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Agenda Item #10

Memorandum

Date: March 13, 2020
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
RE: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Water Resources Subcommittee met in the NRD Office at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Subcommittee members present included Bob Andersen, Karen Amen, Greg Osborn, David Landis, Don Jacobson, and Dan Steinkruger. Subcommittee members participating via teleconference included Vern Barrett. Others present included Larry Ruth, Dick Ehrman, Maclane Scott, Chris Witthuhn, Dan Schulz, Mike Murren, and myself.

Chair Andersen opened the meeting and called on Dick Ehrman to present the review of the Groundwater Management Plan for 2019. Ehrman reviewed a power point highlighting the 2019 accomplishments of the report (report is on the NRD website). A summary of many of the accomplishments is attached. The Subcommittee discussed the report and asked questions. Andersen reported that Ehrman will again make a further condensed report at the Board Meeting.

The next item on the agenda concerned the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area and the need to appoint a replacement to fill the DVBSMA Advisory Group vacancy for one of the two Domestic Well representatives. A copy of a summary of the allocation history for the DVBSMA was distributed earlier and is attached along with an explanation of the purpose and members of the Advisory Group. Schulz reported that Louis Tesinsky served on the Advisory Group since the beginning until he passed away late last year. Staff contacted several other interested domestic well owners and recommends Vince Tesinsky (Louis' son) be appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Subcommittee discussed the importance of the Advisory Group and their appreciation for the work of the Advisory Group members. It was moved by Landis, seconded by Amen, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee members present to **recommend the Board of Directors appoint Vince Tesinsky to the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area Advisory Group to represent Domestic well owners.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider approval of a utility relocation agreement with Lancaster County Rural Water District No. 1 for the Upper Salt 3-A Watershed Rehabilitation Project near Sprague. Mike Murren reported that the remaining items before the project can be bid is to receive the 404 Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers and have the utility owners in the area to relocate their lines (water, phone, & power lines). Murren explained the rural water line is located in the construction area and must be relocated at the expense of the project. Murren reviewed the attached Removal and Replacement Agreement & site map.

The Subcommittee discussed the project and the need for the water line relocation to be completed. It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee members present to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the Removal and Replacement Agreement with Lancaster County Rural Water District No. 1 for a water line relocation for the Upper Salt Creek 3-A Watershed Rehabilitation Project.**

The final item were reports. Mike Murren reported on the construction activities at Oak-Middle 82-B north of Garland. Murren reported that the contractor has hired a new subcontractor that will be the primary contractor on the project. They will continue with construction in the near future. Earlier it was reported that ENWRA will have several agreements that will need NRD Board approval in April. Amen discussed the ongoing consideration by Lancaster County of adopting new rules for animal facilities/feedlots/poultry barns and how those may be tied to groundwater supply and well permits.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin
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