

**Minutes of
Water Resources Committee Meeting
September 4, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Warren Brakhahn, Lyle Heinrichs, Mason Hoffman, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Randy Uhrmacher, Alan Wiedel.

Other Board Members: Joe Hergott

Staff: Mike Onnen, Kevin Orvis, Elysabeth Kierl,

Brakhahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at NRD Board Room in Davenport.

1. Meter Maintenance Bids

Orvis reported that the western ¼ of the District was scheduled for routine meter maintenance during the fall of 2018. Bids were solicited from potential meter maintenance services contractors. Three bids were received: Holdrege Irrigation - \$50/meter; Seim Ag. - \$46/meter and Tri-City Meters - \$45/meter. Some past meter maintenance issues were discussed. **Motion was made by Kissinger, seconded by Hoffman to invite all three contractors to the next Board meeting to explain the services they could provide. Motion passed – 9 Yes.**

- 2. Bob Fisher’s son was present and discussed the problem his father experienced with his domestic/livestock well drying up over the summer, he believes due to the declining water table. Mr. Fisher had to go about 2,000 feet away from the old well to get a good well with more sand and gravel. His costs exceeded \$23,000 for the installation. He asked the Committee for cost-assistance to help pay for the new well. The Committee discussed the precedence that the financial support for a replacement well would set. Motion was made by Hoffman, seconded by Heinrichs to deny the request for a cost-share for the new well. Motion passed – 9 Yes.**

- 3.** Orvis provided the Committee with an informational sheet discussing a WellGauge that monitors the water level and pressure in a pumped well. The device can detect early signs of well failure and send alerts to the operator to minimize or prevent damage to the pump. There was no action.

- 4.** Staff reported that additional information was being gathered on nitrate readings for the summer and it was determined that it would be prudent to wait until the soil core project were completed to assess the next step for management controls in the water quality sub-areas. The committee agreed that more information would be helpful.

5. Platte Rive New Depletions Area Regulations

Onnen circulated a proposed set of regulations for the Platte River New Depletions Management Area for the Committee to review. The Committee generally agreed with the concepts presented and will take up the matter further when the IMP text is completed.

- 6.** Onnen circulated a Summary of the recently adopted rules and regulations and asked for review, edits and comments. The committee provided some guidenace.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM