

GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
Video Conference
July 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Public Relations Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held on July 8, 2021, by video conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marquart at 9:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Alan Walter
Committee Chairperson Nancy Marquart
Director Nikki Boote
Director Ward Koeser
Director Bill Ongstad
Secretary Kimberly Cook

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kenny Rogers

OTHERS PRESENT

Duane DeKrey, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota
Merri Mooridian, Administrative Officer, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota
Lisa Schafer, Executive Assistant, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota
Andrea Boe, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Grand Forks, North Dakota

The meeting was recorded to assist with compilation of the minutes.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Director Koeser to dispense with a reading of the October 7, 2020, minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Ongstad Upon voice vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Submitted Articles - - Kimberly Cook, Secretary, referred to and reviewed copies of articles submitted to the *ND Water* magazine on behalf of Garrison Diversion. In addition, an article was submitted to the Greater ND Chamber for their July magazine.

News Releases - - Ms. Cook also referred to and reviewed the news releases prepared by Garrison Diversion and submitted to local and daily newspapers relating to Garrison Diversion and the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP).

News Articles - - Ms. Cook called attention to copies of and reviewed various news articles, which were published in state and local newspapers, relating to Garrison Diversion activities.

RRVWSP Newsletter - - Ms. Cook called attention to copies of the quarterly RRVWSP newsletters, which have been published since the last committee meeting.

Ms. Cook also reviewed the newsletter analytics.

Meetings and Conferences - - Ms. Cook reviewed a list of upcoming conferences and events Garrison Diversion will attend with the display booths. Any committee members interested in attending are invited to take part.

GARRISON DIVERSION WATER CONFERENCE

Ms. Cook reported the next Garrison Diversion Water Conference has been set for October 21, 2021, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. She reviewed a draft agenda with the committee members.

OTHER

Facilities Tour - - Ms. Cook informed the committee of a Garrison Diversion Unit facilities tour, which was held for the Bureau of Reclamation's Regional Director, Brent Esplin, on June 29 and reviewed the tour itinerary.

Ms. Cook also reported the Water Topics Overview Committee is incorporating a bus tour of the Snake Creek Pumping Plant and the Missouri River intake construction site near Washburn into its meeting on July 12. An update on the RRVWSP will be provided during the bus trip. She shared the tour itinerary with the committee.

On July 13, Garrison Diversion will be providing presentations before the Water Topics Overview Committee meeting in Bismarck.

Water Supply Assistance Grant Program - - Ms. Cook gave an update on the Water Supply Assistance Grant Program, letting the committee know the grant application process has been reopened for another round of funding. The deadline to apply is August 1, 2021.

GDCD Apparel - - Ms. Cook stated apparel is being ordered for staff and directors with Garrison Diversion logos. The apparel will consist of jackets and sweatshirts. Samples will be available at the July 14 board meeting.

Quick Facts Brochure - - Ms. Cook referred to and reviewed a draft brochure of quick facts regarding Garrison Diversion. It includes a condensed history and hard facts to refer to when anyone needs to recall important issues about the Garrison Diversion Unit and its facilities and focus areas. This brochure will be included in the conference handouts, as well as for use by directors.

Office Display Panels - - Ms. Cook reported the display panels at the headquarters office in Carrington have been delayed, but they are scheduled for completion in time for the October board meeting.

Public Information - - Discussions were held among the committee members and staff in regard to making the public more aware of Garrison Diversion's involvement with irrigation, as well as ways of better educating students on Garrison Diversion in conjunction with North Dakota history courses.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

(SEAL)

Nancy Marquart, Chairperson

Kimberly Cook, Secretary