

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**RED RIVER VALLEY COMMITTEE**

**Holiday Inn  
Fargo, North Dakota  
October 12, 2018**

A meeting of the Red River Valley Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held on October 12, 2018, at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 11:20 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Board Chairman Ken Royse  
Chairman Jay Anderson  
Director Greg Bischoff  
Director Geneva Kaiser  
Director Ken Vein  
Secretary Duane DeKrey

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Roger Fenstad

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Metzger, Director, Foster County, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota  
Kip Kovar, District Engineer, 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  
Steve Burian, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Grand Forks, North Dakota  
Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm, Fargo, North Dakota

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion by Director Bischoff to dispense with a reading of the September 14, 2018, Red River Valley Committee minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Kaiser. Upon voice vote, motion carried.**

## **RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT (RRVWSP) UPDATE**

### **McClusky Canal Water Source**

The committee discussed the comments made by Tami Norgard, Vogel Law, and the action taken by the Lake Agassiz Water Authority (LAWA) at their meeting today regarding the option of using the Missouri River as a water source for the RRVWSP via the McClusky Canal for the full 165 cfs.

Ms. Norgard reported that the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Central North Dakota was received from the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for 20 cfs from the McClusky Canal, and the contract negotiations are starting. She advised that now would be the time to pursue the option and make the request to Reclamation for the additional 145 cfs from the McClusky Canal for the project.

The option for 145 cfs would involve an environmental review like was done with the Central North Dakota water supply. The current state project going directly to the Missouri River would continue, which would be the main project with the 145 cfs from the McClusky Canal being an option.

**Motion by Director Bischoff recommending a request be made to the Bureau of Reclamation pursuing the option for a 145 cfs water supply from the McClusky Canal for the RRVWSP to the full board. Second by Director Kaiser. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Anderson, Bischoff, Kaiser, Royse and Vein. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Fenstad. Motion carried.**

### **Land Acquisition**

The committee also reviewed the topic of land acquisition that was acted on at the LAWA meeting.

Kip Kovar, District Engineer, Garrison Diversion, explained that the property needed for RRVWSP facilities, including the intake, main pump station, break tank, control valve structure and the discharge site need to be purchased. Going along with the strategy of early out construction would mean getting started with the intake pump station wet well, discharge structure and trenchless crossings. Therefore, he proposes moving forward with the purchase of property for the intake and the discharge sites.

Mr. Kovar stated approximately 2.96 acres is needed for the intake and approximately 13.3 acres for the discharge site. There is not an official appraisal at this time, but land sales in the area are being reviewed.

Once the appraisals are received and negotiations begin with the landowners, it would be helpful to have a Land Acquisition Committee made up of two representatives each from LAWA and Garrison Diversion that could work with Mr. Kovar and KLJ on a suggested offer to the landowners for the purchase of these properties.

Ms. Norgard suggested that the Land Acquisition Committee handle all of the future land negotiations. This particular committee should have established negotiating parameters and would be available to answer questions and have the authority to make decisions.

**Motion by Director Vein to recommend moving forward with the purchase of property for the RRVWSP intake and discharge sites to the full board with the board chairman and Red River Valley Committee chairman serving as representatives on the Land Acquisition Committee. Second by Director Kaiser. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Anderson, Bischoff, Kaiser, Royse and Vein. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Fenstad. Motion carried.**

### **Value Engineering Study**

Mr. Kovar reported the engineering team is currently looking over all of the alternatives and design comments resulting from the Value Engineering Study. The engineering team will make recommendations for the LAWA Technical Advisory Committee to review and consider as to whether any of these should be moved into final design.

Mr. Kovar said a good job was done with preliminary design for the RRVWSP. There were no major adjustments to be made or new ideas brought forward from the Value Engineering Study.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **OTHER**

**Upper Sheyenne Alignment Options** - - The committee reviewed and discussed the presentation made by the City of Devils Lake at the LAWA board meeting in regard to the city's request for continued review of the Upper Sheyenne options/alternatives.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Jay Anderson, Chairman

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Duane DeKrey, Secretary