

GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
Carrington, North Dakota
January 20, 2022

A meeting of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held at the Garrison Diversion headquarters in Carrington, North Dakota, on January 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Cook at 9:55 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Alan Walter
Committee Chairman Mark Cook
Director Kelly Klosterman
Director Rick Anderson (virtually)
Director Brian Orn (virtually)
Secretary Kip Kovar

OTHERS PRESENT

A copy of the registration sheet is attached to these minutes as Annex I.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Director Klosterman to dispense with a reading of the October 7, 2021, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Orn. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

OAKES IRRIGATION RESEARCH SITE UPDATE

2021 Research Summary

Kelly Cooper, Oakes Irrigation Research Site (OIRS), provided highlights from the 2021 crop/research season at the site.

SBARE Presentation

Director Klosterman reported he had testified on behalf of Garrison Diversion at a State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) listening session on November 3 in Fargo. His testimony was to seek SBARE's support in getting the state to take over the operating expenses of the OIRS and for funding to be authorized in the upcoming legislative session.

Director Klosterman said his testimony was received pretty well but felt some of the SBARE members need to be contacted personally to gain their support.

Construction of Building

Kip Kovar, Secretary, reminded the committee the last funding commitment Garrison Diversion has in regard to the long-term plan for the OIRS is the construction of a building before the site would be turned over to North Dakota State University (NDSU).

Mr. Kovar said in looking over the North Dakota Century Code on public improvement projects, anything over \$200,000 requires sealed and stamped bids.

Mr. Kovar stated Brett Jochim, Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services, will put together a proposal with the proper specifications. Mr. Kovar also reached out to Craftwell Architecture, who has done some work on buildings with NDSU.

Mr. Kovar said the hope is to get to a point where the foundation can be put down, the walls put up and insulation put in so the building can then be turned over to NDSU to finish.

Mr. Jochim said he feels the best thing to do is to get an architect as the prime on this project, who would be much more up-to-speed and efficient with the public procurement process. Advanced Engineering would be willing to help with the utilities, foundation and/or structural portion.

The committee discussed a tentative budget amount, a desired floor plan and building size.

Mr. Kovar commented once the proposal is received from Craftwell, another meeting will be held with the committee.

IRRIGATION UPDATE

Ryan Anderson, Engineer, Garrison Diversion, referred to the irrigation reference map showing the irrigation acreage along the McClusky Canal. There are a few potential irrigation projects in the works. He prepared four or five concept projects and delivered them to potential users.

One of the projects Mr. Anderson is working on is for LC Ranch, which is a potential project south of Pick City on the west side of the Missouri River. This consists of about 2,000-acres with 17 pivots.

Another potential project is for Steve Knorr, who is looking at developing two pivots. This project consists of approximately 145 acres. Mr. Knorr would like to get the project operating as quickly as possible. The cost share portion of the project through the State Water Commission is around \$100,000. Mr. Knorr is choosing not to go through the special assessment process.

2022 AG & NATURAL COMMITTEE WORK PLAN & BUDGET

Mr. Kovar referred to and reviewed the Agriculture and Natural Resources portion of the 2022 Garrison Diversion Work Plan, stating the items appearing in green are the additions to this year's work plan. The amount budgeted for the General Fund to cover irrigation development

and expenses is \$261,500 and \$649,800 for the Irrigation Fund. A copy of the work plan is attached to these minutes as Annex II.

Motion by Director Klosterman to approve the 2022 Agriculture and Natural Resources Work Plan and Budget. Second by Director Orn. Upon roll call vote the following director voted aye: Anderson, Cook, Klosterman, Orn and Walter. Those voting nay: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

(SEAL)

Mark Cook, Chairman

Kip Kovar, Secretary

REGISTRATION

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
Carrington, ND
January 20, 2022

NAME	ADDRESS
Marky Cook	GDCO
Kelly Klosterman	GDCD
Alan M. Walter	GDCD - WARD
Randy Ehlis	Reclamation - Bismarck
Ryan Anderson	GDCD
Brett Jochim	AEZS
Steve Metzger	GDCD - Foster Co.
Kelly Cooper	OIRS
Mike Ostie	NDSU - CREC
Kip Kovary	GDCD
Lisa Schaefer	GDCD

2022 WORK PLAN

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District

Agriculture and Natural Resources

A. Develop and enhance irrigation in North Dakota

1. Provide assistance and support to the ND Irrigation Association
2. Continue to work with ND Extension to secure state funding for the OIRS
3. **Seek options for building at OIRS**
4. Continue outreach with power coops regarding future development of the McClusky Canal Power Infrastructure Master Plan
5. Continue development of the McClusky Canal Irrigation Project
6. Continue to support irrigation in current state cost-share policy
7. Seek updates to Garrison Diversion irrigation authority in Century Code

B. Natural Resources

1. Assist with maintenance of Audubon & Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuges
2. Assist with maintenance of mitigation features as requested by Reclamation

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**

Irrigation Fund		
McClusky Canal Irrigation	\$389,000	\$432,800
Construction	\$0	\$0
Operations	\$389,000	\$432,800
Debt Payments	\$259,000	\$217,000
Principal	\$189,000	\$172,000
Interest	\$70,000	\$45,000
Total Irrigation Fund	\$648,000	\$649,800

General Fund		
Irrigation Development		
ND Irrigation Association	\$50,000	\$50,000
NDSU Oakes Irrigation Site	\$178,000	\$167,875
Bob Titus Lease	\$17,125	\$16,625
Irrigation Development	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total Irrigation Development	\$270,125	\$259,500
Irrigation District Expense		
Irrigation District Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
OTA Title Transfer	\$17,875	\$0
Technical Support	\$12,875	\$0
Legal	\$5,000	\$0
Total Irrigation District Expense	\$19,875	\$2,000
Total General Fund Irrigation Expense	\$290,000	\$261,500