

GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Holiday Inn
Fargo, North Dakota
July 12, 2022**

A meeting of the Public Relations Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held on July 12, 2022, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 10 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Alan Walter
Committee Chairman Dave Anderson
Director Ward Koeser
Director Bill Ongstad
Secretary Kimberly Cook

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Nikki Boote

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 Koeser to dispense with a reading of the March 3, 2022, minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Walter. 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 for the months of April, May, June and July on behalf of Garrison Diversion.

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 programs and activities.

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 and the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP).

RRVWSP Newsletter - - Ms. Cook called attention to copies of the first and second quarterly RRVWSP newsletters for 2022. She also reviewed the 2022 newsletter analytics.

Meetings and Conferences - - Ms. Cook reviewed a list of upcoming conferences and events Garrison Diversion will attend with the display booths. Two special events this summer are the North Dakota State Fair and the Irrigation Appreciation Supper.

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Legislative Workshops - - Ms. Cook commented legislative workshops are in the conceptual planning stages at this time. These workshops will be held to discuss topics for the upcoming legislative session. Tours will also be organized for the state legislators to visit the RRVWSP construction sites.

Red River Valley Video - - Ms. Cook stated work is taking place on an informational video for the RRVWSP. Cost estimates for producing the video are being researched and will be brought back to this committee.

State Water Commission Basin Meetings - - Ms. Cook reported the State Water Commission has released the schedule for its summer basin meetings. These meetings are being hosted by each of the eight State Water Commission members within their basin area. Directors are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings to share comments on the proposed cost share policy and discuss other relevant water issues with their local commissioners.

Ms. Cook referred to the talking points that have been prepared and are included in the Public Relations meeting packet. These talking points can be used as a guide when providing comments at the commission-hosted basin meetings.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

(SEAL)

Dave Anderson, Chairman

Kimberly Cook, Secretary

