

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District  
Carrington, North Dakota  
April 11, 2023**

A special meeting of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Board of Directors was held at the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District on April 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Walter at 10:30 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Chairman Alan Walter  
Vice Chairman Jay Anderson  
Second Vice Chairman Greg Bischoff  
Director Dave Anderson  
Director Kyle Blanchfield  
Director Mark Cook  
Director Cliff Hanretty  
Director Geneva Kaiser  
Director Larry Kassian  
Director Bruce Klein  
Director Kelly Klosterman  
Director Margo Knorr  
Director Jeff LeDoux  
Director Steve Metzger  
Director Bill Ongstad  
Director Brian Orn  
Director Jim Pellman  
Director Kenny Rogers  
Director Jason Siegert  
Director Mike Tweed  
Director Ken Vein  
Director Donald Zimbleman  
Secretary Duane DeKrey

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Nikki Boote  
Director Richard Cayko  
Director Steve Forde  
Director Dave Johnson  
Director Ward Koeser  
Director Brandon Krueger

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Garrison Diversion staff and others were present. The registration sheet is attached to these minutes as Annex I.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Walter asked guests in the audience to introduce themselves, as well as the team attending from Garney Construction (Garney). Those representing Garney are Scott Parish, President; Bill Williams, Vice President, Keith Lemaster, Regional Operations Manager; Jarrod Weber, Project Manager; and Collin MacMillan, Assistant Project Manager, Garney Construction.

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

Chairman Walter explained the special board meeting today is being held to discuss the RRVWSP, Transmission Pipeline East, Contract 5B. He turned the floor over to the Garney team.

Mr. Williams provided an overview of the pipeline construction performed, including complications encountered last year, adding this year Garney will bring in two pipeline crews and two cleanup crews instead of one. He provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the pipeline schedule Garney has proposed for this year and how and where the two crews will be operating.

Mr. Williams stated the pipe laying operations will mobilize on June 1, 2023. The right-of-way operations will begin mobilization in May. Garney has a planned duration of 26 weeks to complete Contract 5B. Each crew will be installing 800 linear feet of pipe per week. Efficiencies have been added to improve dewatering the granular soils, sub-cutting the deep areas ahead of time and prepping the right-of-way. Additional support crews will be on site to prepare the right-of-way for pipe installation well ahead of the installation crews, as well as completing the restoration immediately thereafter.

Mr. Williams said Garney has also contracted with Northern Dewatering, and they performed a soil sampling investigation to define areas where the well point system could be used to pull the groundwater out.

Mr. Williams reported there are five areas with significant cover over the pipeline that need to be subcut. He explained the double cutting and sub-cutting processes Garney uses. Pipe laying operations resume after that followed by cleanup.

Mr. Williams remarked it is Garney's intent to install all the pipe this year from June 4 to November 26. Cleanup comes in directly after that. Once the pipe is installed, the filling and testing occurs.

Chairman Walter stated Garrison Diversion has been working the last three months to obtain funding for the RRVWSP and have assured the legislators the project can be completed with

the funding provided from the state and in the time allotted to do it. It is very important for Garney to complete their work on time.

Second Vice Chairman Bischoff asked what is Garney's actual timeline for substantial completion.

Mr. Williams said substantial completion would include the hydrostatic testing, which is scheduled by Thanksgiving. The faster the pipeline is filled and tested would allow them to meet substantial completion.

Vice Chairman J. Anderson asked how much manpower will they have.

Mr. Williams replied there will be two crews each for pipe laying and for right-of-way. The pipe laying operations will be comprised of 10-11 individuals, and the right-of-way operations will be comprised of 4-5 individuals, which is approximately 35 people plus the support for management staff.

Director Vein asked what was the final completion date in the original contract.

Mr. Williams stated the original contract is to be completed by December 30, 2023. Due to weather conditions that time of year, he is concerned with what restoration Garney will be able to accomplish at the end of the day, such as final seeding and those kinds of things.

Mr. Williams said the plan is to complete the contract according to substantial completion. The difference between substantial completion and final completion is a pipeline that could be functional.

Mr. Williams added, if needed, Garney has the ability to bring in third resources, but they would work at night. Garney will be monitoring the work as soon as they hit the ground and understanding exactly what their productions are.

Chairman Walter asked if a third crew is needed, why wouldn't they start in another section rather than work at night.

Mr. Williams replied some of the limitations are with the local resources and being able to provide enough aggregate, concrete, etc. to install the pipe fast enough. A night crew would allow the right-of-way operations to prep the ground ahead of time, allowing them to install the pipe in a timelier fashion.

Second Vice Chairman Bischoff asked what will trigger the third crew.

Mr. Williams said if by July 4 production is not being met, a third crew will be brought in.

Second Vice Chairman Bischoff reiterated the importance of staying on schedule. It does affect what can and will occur this biennium. How this contract plays out is very important.

Mr. Williams concluded saying Garney is very committed to the RRVWSP. They are going to do everything they can to make the needed adjustments and work with Garrison Diversion to get the pipe installed.

**Motion by Director Tweed to adjourn the board meeting. Second by Director Cook.  
Upon voice vote, motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

(SEAL)

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Alan Walter, Chairman

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Duane DeKrey, Secretary

# REGISTRATION

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