BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Vavra at 8:00 a.m. Present in the District Office: Linda Vavra, Jason Beyer, Ben Brutlag, Steven Deal, Scott Gillespie, John Kapphahn, Steven Schmidt, and Allen Wold. Absent: Doug Dahlen. Also present: District Engineer James Guler, Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen, District Attorney Lukas Croaker and Administrator Jamie Beyer.

GCD #21 IMPROVEMENT BIDS

District Engineer James Guler presented information on bid results for the Grant County Ditch #21 Improvement Project. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, the Notice of Award to Wagner Company was approved. Engineers received comments on some small project design changes that could make televising and maintenance easier in the future.

DORAN CREEK NRCS-USDA NWQI COSTSHARE

Administrator Jamie Beyer stated that the District has been notified that culvert installations in the Doran Creek project area will qualify for approximately \$3,800 in NWQI cost-share – no matter the diameter, length, or material of the proposed culvert. This cost-share amount is less than what is needed (complete project costs include creating plan sets, purchasing materials, installing and inspecting each culvert). At least one landowner has stated that he would not move forward with the project if project costs exceed available cost-share. Administrator Jamie Beyer stated that the District could request that the RRWMB's next Base Grant be used as a source for additional project cost-share. Engineering will put together cost estimates for consideration at the June 20th board meeting. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Wold and carried unanimously, staff are authorized to put together plan sets and apply for RRWMB Base Grant funding.

SPRAY QUOTES

Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen presented two drainage spray quotes for 2025. The services differ in application – by helicopter or by UTV and hand spraying. Staff have found helicopter applications are beneficial in areas like North Ottawa. Upon motion by Beyer, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, services by LM Road Services were approved for drainage system spray application.

The meeting was adjourned.