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Garrison Diversion board approves two new counties to the District boundaries

(Carrington, N.D.) - McKenzie and Williams Counties' petitions to join Garrison Diversion Conservancy District were accepted on April 10 by the Garrison Diversion Board at their quarterly meeting in Carrington, N.D.

Ward Koeser, Mayor of Williston, is the appointed interim board member from Williams County and Richard Cayko, McKenzie County Commissioner, is the appointed interim board member for McKenzie County.

"We are looking forward to new perspectives from the west," Richard Fugleberg, Garrison Diversion Chairman and Steele County Director said. "Garrison Diversion's mission is to provide a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply to the areas of need in North Dakota, and we feel these counties will benefit from many of our programs."

Koeser is the General Manager of Kotana Communications, Inc., and the Mayor of Williston. He is currently a Board Trustee at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

"As Williston looked at our existing economy based on traditional agriculture and the oil industry," Koeser said, "city leaders recognized that the best chance they had for the future was to develop the water resources."

Koeser looked to Garrison Diversion as one of the leaders in developing North Dakota's water supply and delivery system. "As we studied water issues in our region and the state, it became clear that Garrison Diversion had been working long and hard to address water issues. I believe that working together we can realize the potential benefits of this great water source."

Richard Cayko is representing McKenzie County. Cayko, a farmer and McKenzie County Commissioner, is currently serving on the McKenzie Job Development Authority.

"I feel that Garrison Diversion provides an opportunity for the people of North Dakota to benefit from the natural resource of water," Cayko said. "To benefit from this resource, we must work together and develop different areas for the future of North Dakota."

"Our directors bring a variety of experiences to the Board," Dave Koland, manager of Garrison Diversion stated. "As we look toward the future of Garrison Diversion and water supply and delivery in North Dakota, we need

to have the widest perspective possible.” Koland believes that McKenzie and Williams Counties will help Garrison Diversion create future water development programs that will help North Dakota continue to grow and meet its economic potential.

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