

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District**  
**Carrington, North Dakota**  
**January 11, 2017**

A meeting of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held at the Garrison Diversion headquarters, Carrington, North Dakota, on January 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klosterman at 6:30 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Board Chairman Ken Vein  
Committee Chairman Kelly Klosterman  
Director Cliff Hanretty  
Director Steve Metzger  
Secretary Kip Kovar

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Norman Haak

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff members of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District were present along with others. 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 Hanretty to approve the October 6, 2016, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee minutes as distributed. Second by Director Metzger. Upon voice vote, motion carried.**

**MCCLUSKY CANAL IRRIGATION UPDATE**

**Irrigation Handouts** - - Kip Kovar, Secretary, distributed and reviewed, in detail, two irrigation handouts being prepared by Garrison Diversion; one for use by lawmakers and the other for landowners. The committee provided suggested improvements that will be incorporated and the handouts will be redrafted prior to public distribution.

**Irrigation Update** - - Ryan Anderson, Engineer, Garrison Diversion, provided an update on irrigation activities along the McClusky Canal and potential projects.

## **OAKES IRRIGATION RESEARCH SITE UPDATE**

**2016 Research Summary** - - Kelly Cooper, Manager, Oakes Irrigation Research Site (OIRS), provided a report on the 2016 crop and research season at the test area, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Blaine Schatz, Director, Carrington Research & Extension Center, reported that the appropriations hearing for the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) will be held at the legislature on January 18. He reviewed the priority standing, which includes the Oakes Irrigation Research Site at number two, and explained the strategy for their testimony. In going forward, he said they need to make sure that the efforts that were achieved with the OIRS over the past couple of years to heighten the awareness for the site are maintained. The number one priority this session will focus on restoration of the program budget.

## **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES WORK PLAN & IRRIGATION BUDGET**

Mr. Kovar referred to the 2017 Agriculture and Natural Resources Work Plan & Irrigation Budget, explaining that items which appear in red are the additions to this year's work plan. The main difference would be identifying new irrigation projects to be developed, re-establishing state cost share for irrigation and exploring land uses for Garrison Diversion owned land near Stump Lake.

Mr. Kovar also reviewed the 2017 irrigation budget, which is \$489,775. A copy of the work plan and budget is attached to these minutes as Annex II.

**Motion by Director Hanretty to approve the 2017 Agriculture and Natural Resources Work Plan and Irrigation Budget in the amount of \$489,775. Second by Director Metzger. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Hanretty, Klosterman, Metzger and Vein. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Haak. Motion carried.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Carrington Research & Extension Center (CREC) Advisory Board** - - Mr. Schatz informed the committee that the CREC will be looking for a new advisory board member since Dennis Wendel is retiring from the Garrison Diversion board. Two board seats are dedicated to Garrison Diversion, and Directors Wendel and Metzger are currently serving in those two positions. The advisory board meets twice a year.

**Motion by Director Hanretty to recommend appointing Kelly Klosterman to the Carrington Research & Extension Center Advisory Board to the full board. Second by Director Metzger. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Hanretty, Klosterman, Metzger and Vein. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Haak. Motion carried.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

(SEAL)

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Kelly Klosterman, Chairman

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Kip Kovar, Secretary

# REGISTRATION

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
Carrington, North Dakota  
January 11, 2017

NAME	ADDRESS
Kelly Klostermann	GDCD
Steve Metzger	GDCD
Vicki Quon	GDCD
Kip Larson	GDCD
Ryan Anderson	GDCD
Blaine D. Schatz	NDSU
Killy Cooper	NDSU
Kimberly Cook	GDCD
Lisa Schaper	GDCD
Dyane DeKrey	GDCD
Ken Vein	GDCD
Ken Parre	GDCD

**A. Develop and enhance irrigation in North Dakota**

1. Provide assistance and support to the ND Irrigation Association
2. **Assist with** Oakes Test Area title transfer plan
3. Implement NDSU Cooperative Agreement for funding Oakes Irrigation Research Site – Robert Titus Research Farm
4. Continue development of the McClusky Canal Irrigation Master Plan  
**(1) Present irrigation benefits and opportunities to interested parties**
5. Continue development of the McClusky Canal Power Infrastructure Master Plan
6. **Continue development of McClusky Canal Irrigation Projects**  
**(1) Sign water service contracts and build MM 15 and MM 42 projects**
7. **Secure state cost-share and reestablish as a state budget priority**

**B. Natural Resources**

1. Assist with maintenance of Audubon & Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuges
2. Assist with maintenance of mitigation features as requested by Reclamation
3. **Support ND Game & Fish at Lonetree WMA**
4. **Explore Stump Lake land uses**

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BUDGET  
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

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**Budget  
2016**

**Budget  
2017**

<b><u>Irrigation Fund</u></b>		
McClusky Canal Irrigation	\$1,000,000	\$1,150,000
Construction	\$500,000	\$500,000
Operations	\$500,000	\$650,000
Oakes Test Area Development	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Irrigation Fund</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b><u>Irrigation Development</u></b>		
ND Irrigation Association	\$50,000	\$50,000
NDSU Oakes Field Trials	\$267,875	\$267,875
Bob Titus Lease	\$16,400	\$17,000
Irrigation Development	\$110,000	\$130,000
<b>Total Irrigation Development</b>	<b>\$444,275</b>	<b>\$464,875</b>
<b><u>Irrigation District Expense</u></b>		
Irrigation District Expenses	\$4,900	\$4,900
OTA Title Transfer	\$20,000	\$20,000
Technical Support	\$15,000	\$15,000
Legal	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total Irrigation District Expense</b>	<b>\$24,900</b>	<b>\$24,900</b>
<b>Total General Fund Irrigation Expense</b>	<b>\$469,175</b>	<b>\$489,775</b>