

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

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
Carrington, North Dakota
October 5, 2016**

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 October 5, 2016. 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 Norman Haak
Director Steve Metzger
Secretary Kip Kovar

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Cliff Hanretty
Director Dennis Wendel

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff members of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District were present along with others. The 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 Haak to dispense with a reading of the April 21, 2016, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Metzger. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

MCCLUSKY CANAL IRRIGATION UPDATE

Master Irrigation Plan Report - - Kip Kovar, Secretary, distributed a copy of the McClusky Canal Irrigation Master Plan Report and reviewed it with the committee. He explained that NDSU previously completed an economic feasibility analysis on irrigation along the McClusky Canal, which resulted in two reports. One studied the economic feasibility on farm-level returns, and the other studied the regional economic effects of irrigation. From these two documents, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services created the Irrigation Master Plan Report. The report looked at ten miles on either side of the canal, considering various factors and grouped potential projects into different levels. These factors

included irrigable acreage, irrigation planning and feasibility, concept design and cost estimates, electrical requirements and financial analyses. In the end, they looked at why irrigation was not being developed. Much of it has to do with costs, so three different ways of changing factors and costs were looked at in order to spur more development. One was to change the loan term, another was to change the cost share percentage and the last was looking at providing the entire area with three-phase power. The next step is to determine how to move forward with the information contained in the report.

Mr. Kovar said there are funds remaining from the Irrigation Master Plan Task Order that could be used to generate one-page handouts summarizing the findings of the report. He suggested developing a handout for lawmakers and another handout for irrigators. We also need to decide who else to share this information with.

OAKES IRRIGATION RESEARCH SITE UPDATE

Kelly Klosterman, Chairman, gave an update on the Oakes Irrigation Research Site, reporting that soybean harvest has completed and yields are good. Corn harvest will take place next. Efforts are moving forward with the proposed building and fundraising efforts.

Blaine Schatz, Director, Carrington Research & Extension Center, reviewed the process for funding consideration with the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education at the next legislative session.

ND IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

Jerry Schaack, North Dakota Irrigation Association (NDIA), provided an update on the association's ongoing activities and irrigation development in the state.

STUMP LAKE LAND

Duane DeKrey, General Manager, Garrison Diversion, reported that he recently went and looked at the land owned by Garrison Diversion near Stump Lake. He also visited with the ND Game and Fish Department about the possibility of Game and Fish taking over management of the land for some type of wildlife development. Since the lake level has risen back up, and the main road to the property is still not accessible, he believes that Garrison Diversion should continue to rent the cropland out to the current renter for the time being.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

(SEAL)

Kelly Klosterman, Chairman

Kip Kovar, Secretary

REGISTRATION

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Carrington, North Dakota
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