

Minutes of Meeting  
North Dakota Irrigation Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, December 7, 2012

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the North Dakota Irrigation Association was called to order by Chairman Robert Vivatson on Friday, December 7, 2012.

**Roll Call**

Board members in attendance were: Robert Vivatson, Carter VanderWal, Rick Anderson, Galen Opp, Loren Dewitz, Herb Grenz, Roger Gunlikson, Doug Gullikson, Norm Haak, and Tom Rolfstad. Also in attendance were NDIA staff members Mike Dwyer, Milt Lindvig, Jerry Schaack, Angela Magstadt, as well as Tom Scherer with NDSU Extension, Bill Schuh with the State Water Commission, Maynard Helgaas with the Green Vision Group, and Abbey Wick with NDSU. Absent were Alan Butts, Rod Holth, and Scott Mund.

**Consideration of 2012 Financial Statement and 2013 Budget**

The board reviewed the 2012 financial statement and 2013 budget, which is a part of the overall budget for the North Dakota Water Users Association. After discussion, it was moved by Herb Grenz and seconded by Roger Gunlikson that the budget report be approved, and that the proposed 2012 budget be adopted as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Minutes of December 9, 2011 Board Meeting**

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 9, 2011 board meeting. After review, it was moved by Loren Dewitz and seconded by Roger Gunlikson that the minutes be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Roger Gunlikson nominated Bob Vivatson for chairman. Rick Anderson moved cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Vivatson for chairman. Galen Opp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Norm Haak nominated Roger Gunlikson for vice chairman. Doug Gullikson seconded the motion. Galen Opp moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Roger Gunlikson for vice chairman. Carter VanderWal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Report on Summary of 2012 Activities**

The board reviewed the summary of activities for 2012. Loren Dewitz moved to amend the comprehensive plan as written with "A Look Into the Future" included. Galen Opp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consideration of 2013 Work Plan Priority Items**

The board reviewed the consideration of 2013 Work Plan Priority Items. Norm Haak moved to accept the work plan. Roger Gunlikson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Report on NDSU Soil Health Initiative**

Abbey Wick of NDSU gave a presentation on the NDSU Soil Health and Land Management Initiative.

**Corps of Engineers' Proposed Policies for Missouri River Management**

Bill Schuh of the State Water Commission gave a presentation on the Corps' of Engineers' proposed policies for Missouri River management. After much discussion, Herb Grenz moved to add "work to

achieve access to the Missouri River” to the work plan. Doug Gullikson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Report on Green Vision Group Biofuels Project**

Maynard Helgaas gave a presentation on the status of the Green Vision Group’s biofuels from energy (sugar) beet project.

### **Discussion on Legislative Issues**

Milt Lindvig discussed legislative issues relative to irrigation, including the Water Topics Overview Committee bill to create special assessment districts and a State Water Commission bill to increase civil penalties for the overuse of the water allocated on their permits.

### **Other Business**

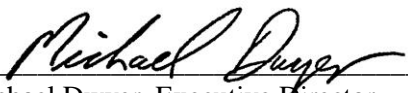
The board asked NDIA staff to research a three-year NDIA membership option.

Doug Gullikson moved to support an irrigation-related resolution regarding the Corps’ stored access fees for the use of Missouri River water. Galen Opp seconded the motion. Next year, Mike Dwyer will send a similar resolution by the Water Users Association to the NDIA board prior to the meeting for the board to review, so it can use it to draft a similar resolution relating to irrigation. There can also be a board meeting via conference call to submit other resolutions to the resolutions committee during the annual convention. The resolutions can then be brought to the member meeting for approval.

Bob Vivatson suggested sending a letter to the retiring board members thanking them for their service. NDIA staff will draft a letter.

### **Adjourn**

It was moved by Doug Gullikson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Galen Opp. Motion carried.

  
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Michael Dwyer, Executive Director