

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RED RIVER VALLEY COMMITTEE**

**Polar Communications
Mayville, North Dakota
December 22, 2010**

A meeting of the Public Relations and Red River Valley Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held on December 22, 2010, at Polar Communications, Mayville, North Dakota. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Krivarchka at 1 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman John Leininger
Committee Chairman Bill Krivarchka
Director Jon Lindgren
Director Warren Lyons
Director Ken Vein
Secretary Kim Cook

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Koland, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota
Lisa Schafer, Executive Assistant, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota

The meeting was recorded to assist with compilation of the minutes.

RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Plan of Action for Record of Decision

Dave Koland, General Manager, Garrison Diversion, reported that there continues to be no movement on the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP).

The committee discussed possible options that may be taken in an effort to move the ROD forward, including retaining a consulting firm.

Mr. Koland informed the committee that Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm, will provide a report to the board at the January meeting concerning legal options that could be taken.

Motion by Director Vein to recommend authorizing management to negotiate an agreement with a consulting firm for the purpose of obtaining a Record of Decision for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project to the full board. Second by Director Leininger. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Krivarchka, Leininger, Lindgren, Lyons and Vein. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

GDCD and LAWA Financial Commitment for RRVWSP

Mr. Koland reported that right now the plan is to move ahead with a 90 percent state cost share for the RRVWSP. The stakeholders will have to come up with 10 percent.

The LAWA used a formula for the 2008 Special Assessment based on how much water the user is taking. That same formula will be used again in 2011 for the larger users. This will be a topic of discussion at the LAWA board meeting on January 20.

Mr. Koland said he will recommend completing the right-of-way, final design and the financial planning from the 2011-2013 RRVWSP Work Plan, which is approximately \$11 million. The users would need to then come up with \$1.1 million.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Meetings and Conferences - - Kim Cook, Secretary, reported that both the LAWA and Garrison Diversion booths will be on display at the annual Red River Basin Conference and Water EXPO. There is also a legislative reception being held by the ND Rural Water Systems Association on January 20 and a joint reception sponsored by Garrison Diversion and the Southwest Water Authority on February 17. The display booths will be set up at both of these events as well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PLANNING

Planning Process - - Board Chairman Leininger told the committee that he is suggesting a retreat for the board in 2011 to do strategic planning possibly in late summer.

OTHER

Hydropower Study - - Mr. Koland reported that a letter was received from the Valley City Commission today requesting a meeting with Garrison Diversion staff, chairman and engineers to revisit the proposed hydropower project on Lake Ashtabula due to the increased flows in the Sheyenne River from the Devils Lake Outlet.

A previous study had shown that the proposed hydropower project was not feasible because of the unreliable flows.

Next Meeting - - The next committee meeting will be held on January 20 in Bismarck.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

(SEAL)

Bill Krivarchka, Chairman

Kim Cook, Secretary