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MINUTES OF VIRTUAL / CONFERENCE CALL SPECIAL MEETING  
SHEYENNE RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

A virtual / conference call meeting of the Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District was held on September 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Bruce Anderson, Barnes County Water Resource District; Keith Weston, Southeast Cass Water Resource District; Melissa Hinkemeyer, Secretary; Leilei Bao, Treasurer; Elizabeth Smith, Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.; and Mike Opat, Houston Engineering, Inc. Griggs County, Nelson County, Ransom County, Richland County, Rush River, and Steele County Water Resource Districts were absent.

The Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District did not have a quorum present.

### **Sheyenne River Bank Stabilization Study**

Mike Opat updated the Board on the Sheyenne River Bank Stabilization Study the Barnes County Water Resource District conducted with input from various stakeholders. The Study identified, inventoried, and categorized bank erosion issues along the Sheyenne River downstream of Baldhill Dam, with emphasis on sites that impact public infrastructure. Mr. Opat indicated he has met with some water resource districts downstream of Baldhill Dam to discuss the study and inquire if there is interest in pursuing a project as a result of the study.

The Board discussed ways to increase attendance at Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District meetings, including scheduling the next meeting during North Dakota Water's 61st Annual Joint North Dakota Water Convention in December.

The Board discussed selecting high priority sites identified in the Study for each county included in the Study to consider for a possible project. Mr. Opat indicated he will prepare maps for each county included in the Study showing the high priority sites, for the Board to discuss at their next meeting regarding potential future projects.

Brief discussion was held on funding for potential future projects. Mr. Opat indicated he will reach out to funding partners and prepare information regarding potential project funding scenarios for discussion at the Board's next meeting.

### **Next meeting date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Anderson  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hinkemeyer  
Secretary

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