Board Members Present: Mike Whitaker, Jim Fennema, Commissioner Bob Rolston, Bert Jellison, Joe Kalus, Paul Mavrikis, Dave Belus
Operating Department Personnel Present: Commissioner Jim Hicks, Cheryl Benner
Public in attendance: Dave Perry, Scott Pehringer, Commissioner Linda Greenough, Marilyn Connolly, Bud Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 by Chairman Whitaker. Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Rolston moved and Mr. Jellison seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

The board members drew for terms. Commissioner Rolston, Mr. Jellison, and Mr. Kalus will serve one-year terms and Chairman Whitaker, Mr. Fennema, Mr. Belus and Mr. Mavrikis will serve two-year terms.

Commissioner Hicks reported that operations went well this year and doesn’t anticipate many changes for the next year. He thanked the irrigators for their cooperation this year. Commissioner Hicks suggested the board members drive through the Mikesell-Potts Recreation Area to see the improvements that have been made since July. He advised the board that:

1. The Road and Bridge Department had extended the rip rap on the south dam for a distance of 600 feet. There is an additional 500 feet to be completed to tie it into the work that was done with the WWDC grant. This work will help mitigate erosion along the shore.
2. The agreement with Sasol has not been signed yet.
3. Shoreline regulations have been reviewed by the Operating Department and should be ready for review by the Advisory Board soon. After the Advisory Board has reviewed the regulations, the Operating Department will present them to the Johnson County Commissioners for review, public comment and approval.

Mr. Fennema reported that the State Engineer’s Office public hearing for the additional point of diversion for the Lower Clear Creek Irrigation District was held earlier in the day and there were no protests. The request will go to Cheyenne for final approval.

Dayton Alsaker, P.E, Wyoming Region Manager and Gary Elwell, P.E., Senior Project Manager from Dowi HKM gave a presentation to the board on the modeling work they have done for Lake DeSmet. The first models were done in 2006, and the latest models that were run are based on data through 2010. They also advised the board that they are working with Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator Marilyn Connolly to do a table top exercise for scenarios regarding Lake DeSmet. This exercise will be held in April

The next meeting will be February 18 at 3 PM at the Johnson County Road and Bridge meeting room.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM with a motion from Mr. Kalus and a second from Mr. Belus. Motion carried.

Michael Whitaker