Lake DeSmet Advisory Board Meeting
September 20, 2017
3PM

Board Members Present: Mike Whitaker, Commissioner Bob Rolston, Bert Jellison, Jim Fennema, Joe Kalus, Paul Mavrakis
Operating Department Personnel Present: Cheryl Benner, Linda Greenough, Harvey Crowe
Public in attendance: John Mumm, Dayton Alsaker,

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Chairman Whitaker. Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Rolston moved and Mr. Mavrakis seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Ms. Benner submitted a department report.

- The elevation of the lake on September 1, 2017 was 4610.56. Appears will go into winter slightly below 4610, which is the target level.
- WYDOT's contract for water on the road to Story project runs through this summer. No water has been used thus far this summer.
- Two Johnson County Commissioners and Ms. Benner met with Harry Labonde on May 24th to discuss the sale of the Sasol Healy assets. No new information was shared at that meeting.
- State Senators Larry Hicks, Driskoll and Kinskey met with Johnson County Commissioners, Lake DeSmet Conservation District board members and personnel, and Lake DeSmet Operating Department personnel on June 5th to tour the potential Bull Creek Reservoir site, Healy Dam, the North and South Dams at Lake DeSmet, and the Mikesell/Potts Recreation Area.
- Monitoring wells were checked on June 12. No abnormal readings were noted.
- Possible trespass on Lake DeSmet property by an adjacent landowner was discussed. Ms. Benner will follow up. Mr. Mavrakis suggested placing markers at the 4620 to make the adjacent landowners and the public aware of where it is.

A meeting to discuss the Leiter Ditch project was scheduled for the same time as the Lake DeSmet Advisory Board meeting. Tentative schedule is that the project will go to bid In April or May of 2018, start in June or July of 2018 and be completed by June or July of 2019. Current plans are to use a 78-inch pipe.

John Mumm, Board of Control Division II Commissioner for Piney Creek, was introduced to the Advisory Board. He reported that Kearny Reservoir is at the desired level for fall, Cloud Peak is full, and Willow Park will begin maintenance releases next week. Mr. Mumm is optimistic about ample flows during spring runoff.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM with a motion from Commissioner Rolston and a second from Mr. Kalus. Motion carried.

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Michael Whitaker, Chairman