

**GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District**  
**Carrington, North Dakota**  
**April 11, 2019**

A meeting of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District was held at the Garrison Diversion headquarters, Carrington, North Dakota, on April 11, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Anderson at 10:30 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Committee Chairman Dave Anderson  
Director Rick Anderson  
Director Norman Haak  
Director Kelly Klosterman  
Director Jim Pellman

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Board Chairman Ken Royse

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff members of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District were present along with others. The registration sheet is attached to these minutes as Annex I.

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion by Director R. Anderson to dispense with a reading of the January 24, 2019, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee minutes and approve them as distributed. Second by Director Klosterman. Upon voice vote, motion carried.**

**OAKES IRRIGATION RESEARCH SITE UPDATE**

Director Klosterman reported that he recently met with Kelly Cooper of the Oakes Irrigation Research Site (OIRS) and a couple individuals from Oakes to discuss funding for a new facility at the OIRS. A grant has been written by Oakes Enhancement in an attempt to obtain funds to assist with construction. Work is also being done with Blaine Schatz, Director, Carrington Research & Extension Center, NDSU, to come up with new designs for the building and a separate rinsate area.

**2020 Budget** - - Mr. Schatz presented and reviewed the proposed 2020 budget for the OIRS. The amount being requested from Garrison Diversion is \$267,875, which is what has been requested over the last number of years. The overall budget is approximately \$16,000 less than 2019. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes as Annex II.

Mr. Schatz commented on the current legislative session, stating that SBARE initiative number three includes funding support for the OIRS. A hearing was held with the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 20, and the subcommittee charged with working on HB 1020 brought it to the Senate floor on Monday. This turned out very positive, and \$200,000 was approved for the OIRS. This will now go to Conference Committee. If this holds through Conference Committee, it will be very significant for the Research & Extension Center, OIRS and Garrison Diversion, and the budget presented today could be revisited.

Director Klosterman said the ultimate goal was for the state (SBARE) to take over the annual operating costs at the OIRS, and Garrison Diversion could then assist with the building funds.

**Motion by Director Klosterman to approve the proposed 2020 Oakes Irrigation Research Site budget in the amount of \$267,875. Second by Director Haak. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: D. Anderson, R. Anderson, Haak, Klosterman and Pellman. Those voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: Royse. Motion carried.**

Mr. Schatz distributed draft plans for a standalone rinsate facility and a headquarters building that could be somewhat of a learning center in terms of capabilities for the broad public. His plan is to have the draftsman complete the designs to the point bids can be solicited. Prior to that, he will ask for feedback on the resources.

The rinsate facility will be 44 feet by 24 feet, including storage and a work room for staff until the headquarters can be built. Construction would begin this summer with completion in the fall.

The headquarters building has been enlarged and now includes a demonstration kitchen and video conference room.

### **OAKES TEST AREA TITLE TRANSFER**

Kip Kovar, Secretary, referred to a copy of S47, Title VIII - Water and Power Subtitle A – Reclamation Title Transfer. Its purpose is to facilitate the transfer of title to Reclamation project facilities to qualifying entities on the completion of repayment of capital costs.

Mr. Kovar stated that the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District (DSID) have been following S 47 and working with the congressional delegation on how to get the Oakes Test Area (OTA) transferred to the DSID. The hope is to use S47's generic language to complete the title transfer but there are some issues with the OTA fitting into the definitions and categories contained in the bill.

Mr. Kovar reported that DSID did offer the Bureau of Reclamation \$38,000 for the OTA Title Transfer. The offer was revenue based over the next 40 years.

Mr. Kovar said in the event S47 does not allow title transfer of the OTA, Senator Hoeven's office is working on a separate bill that would lay out language specific to the OTA.

**ND IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Lance Gaebe, North Dakota Irrigation Association, reported on the agriculture and water related bills and issues at the state legislature

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

(SEAL)

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Dave Anderson, Chairman

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Kip Kovar, Secretary

# REGISTRATION

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
Carrington, North Dakota  
April 11, 2019

NAME	ADDRESS
Blaine J. Selaty	CREC - NDSU - Carrington
Lance Gaebe	ND Water Users - Bismarck
Kenny Rogers	WDCD
<del>Steve Madsen</del>	<del>WDCD</del>
Greg Bischoff	GDCD - Barnes City
Umaro O. Krey	GDCD
Lisa Schaper	WDCD
Kelly West	GDCD
Norman Kask	WDCD
Kip Kover	GDCD
Jim Sellman	WDCD
Rick Anderson	GDCD
Dave Anderson	GDCD
Ryan Anderson	GDCD

**Oakes Irrigation Research Site - Robert Titus Research Farm**  
**NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center**  
**Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2020**

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Proposed 2020 Budget</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	
Salaries	191,200
Fringe Benefits	89,500
<b>Total Personnel Cost</b>	<b>280,700</b>
<b>Operating</b>	
Travel	12,000
Utilities	12,000
Repairs	14,000
Supplies	20,000
Miscellaneous (Misc:Communications, fees, insurance, etc)	14,000
<b>Total Operating Cost</b>	<b>72,000</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>	
<b>One-Time Expenses</b>	
Used Tractor	25,000
Soil Finish Implement	8,000
Heavy Harrow	6,000
Bobcat attachments	900
Administration	9,000
<b>Total Other Direct Cost</b>	<b>48,900</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>401,600</b>
<b>Revenues (Projected)</b>	
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District	267,875
Research Grants and Contracts	85,000
Expected Carryover	35,000
Other	5,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>392,875</b>
<b>GDCD Budget Request</b>	<b>267,875</b>