

A special meeting for the purpose of a joint meeting with the Mayor & Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, the South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD), and the Joint East Sidney Watershed Authority (JESWA) was convened in open and public session at 7:00 P.M. on January 21, 2014 in the Conference Room of SPNRD, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in *The Sidney Sun Telegraph*, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the City Council. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Representing the City of Sidney: Mayor Gaston & Council Members: Arterburn, Nienhueser, Gallaway and Gay, City Manager Person, Public Service Director Hehnke and City Clerk Anthony. Representing SPNRD: Keith Rexroth, Tom Biggs, Jim Johnson, Larry Rutt, Paul Hutchison, Rod Horn, Galen Wittrock and Don Ogle. Representing JESWA: Galen Wittrock, Gary Person, John Hehnke and Rod Horn. Interested parties in attendance: Dennis Armstrong, Tom Von Seggern, Ryan Riesdorf, and Kaitlin Seivers.

Project Coordinator Galen Wittrock welcomed everyone and reviewed the purpose of this joint meeting.

Carter Hubbard, P.E. from Olsson Associates reviewed the East Sidney Watershed Project Comprehensive Plan, the Master Plan, the challenges and alternatives of drainage along Fort Sidney Road, Upland Parkway, Greenwood Road, Verde Lane Dam and the two dams on the north side of Sidney, and the dam concept vs. ponds.

Rod Horn gave a progress update on the East Sidney Watershed Project including the Interlocal Cooperative agreement, the preparation period and the implementation period.

Galen Wittrock reviewed the JESWA estimated financial plan and what it would take to move forward with the projects; i.e. funding loan and interest payments, possible low interest loans from the NDEQ, right of way/easement purchases and other expenditures for the project. Improvement Project Area (IPA) designations as well as equitable division of the City of Sidney and SPNRD property tax dollars was also discussed. Paul Hutchinson commented that SPNRD felt a split of project costs in conjunction with the two entities should be 80% City and 20% SPNRD. This would be on project and implementation costs not absorbed by grants, acknowledging that each entity may bring about other types of grant funding sources to also help pay for the projects. Hutchinson said the SPNRD board was basing its 20 percent cost share on the fact that the incorporated boundaries of the City of Sidney represents about 20 percent of the District's total valuation over its three county area and the board needed to be sensitive to its other constituents. Mark Nienhueser commented on the City's storm water plan and should some of the burden of paying for the project be on the developers in the areas in question. Discussion was held on what the immediate next steps should be. Tom Biggs felt getting started on application for the low interest loans was imperative and that the focus should be on the area to the west of L17J with the east side taken up at a later date. Roger Gallaway and Jim Johnson felt implementation of the plan and applying for SRF loan applications were the immediate priorities. Mayor Gaston stated resolutions should be brought forward as soon as possible from the City and SPNRD to authorize implementation by JESWA. The group's apparent priorities along with the resolutions were to request JESWA and the City of Sidney to proceed with the SRF loan applications.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

/s/ WENDALL GASTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/G.F. ANTHONY, CITY CLERK













