

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers  
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District  
Held: July 2, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two River Watershed District held their regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the District Office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

Managers present included President Roger Anderson, Treasurer Darrel Johnson, Paul Olsonawski, Allen Brazier. Vice President Jim Kukowski, Secretary Jon Vold, & Daryl Klegstad were absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, Engineer Blake Carlson, landowner Roger Schwenzefier, and Attorney Jeff Hane.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson. Anderson called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda and also the meeting minutes from June 18, 2014. Today's meeting agenda and the minutes of the June 18, 2014 regular meeting were approved upon a **motion** by Brazier, **second** by Olsonawski, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Money presented the treasurer's report including the fund balances, accounts listing, and checks and deposit detail.

The treasurer's report was then approved with corrections upon a **motion** by Olsonawski, a **second** by Johnson, and a **unanimous vote** by the Board.

**Administrator's Report:**

District Administrator Money gave a report on the following and distributed a handout:

Watershed Restoration & Protection Plans;

- **Lower Red River WRPP** - Water quality monitoring and data collection is continuing for the summer season, and this data will be used to assess the condition of the watershed.
- **Two Rivers WRPP** - Monitoring is continuing for fish, macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, and geomorphology. This data will be used for assessments that will be done over the winter.

BWSR Grant: A 'Drainage Water Management Grant' was received from the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources however it has not been utilized by any landowners. Discussion was held and it was the opinion of the Board of Managers to keep the grant open but if by the end of the year there is no interest then cancel the grant and send it back to BWSR.

RRWMB: Discussion was held regarding the federal farm bill funding that will be available for flood control projects. Also, the MN Farm Bureau has organized a meeting to be held at Jim Kukowski's farm on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Money has been asked to be a part of a panel discussion on the agenda for that meeting.

River and Stream levels: Over 10" of rainfall has occurred in May and June, and this has resulted in above average river levels within the District. Staff have been monitoring flows and collecting water quality data.

DNR Protected Waters: A meeting was held with 7 DNR representatives and 7 representatives from 4 watershed districts. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss several protected waters projects to

remove sediment, clarify the process for applying for these types of projects, and discuss DNR regulations. A site visit was held and discussion was held back in the office regarding the process, technical analysis, state statutes and rules that govern, and the process and communication gaps that need to be addressed.

Impoundments: Administrator Money presented a draft "Conceptual Impoundment Report" for the Klondike 1, Klondike 2, Quick, and Juneberry Ridge project areas. The report detailed the background, strategies, previous project planning, flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement goals proposed for the project area. The Board of Managers discussed how to move forward with these projects.

A **motion** was made by Brazier and **seconded** by Olsonawski and **unanimously approved** to adopt the recommendations of the report, listed as follows: 1) Incorporate the short term and long term projects described in the draft report, dated 7/2/14, into one overall project for the "Juneberry Ridge Revisited" project area. This will be a phased project and be broken into several components consisting of the Klondike North project, the Klondike South project, the Quick Project, and the Juneberry Ridge Revisited Main Project. 2) The District Administrator and Engineer (Widseth, Smith, & Nolting) were directed to proceed with the Klondike North Project with the goal to provide an adequate outlet for Lateral 1, SD 95 consisting of a 4 mile long diked inlet. 3) The Quick Project is placed on hold until such time that the Natural Resources Conservation Service can provide significant program and design details concerning the Wetlands Reserve Program. 4) The Impoundment Committee is hereby directed to continue the development of the Juneberry Ridge Revisited Main Project and all components thereof. 5) The Klondike South Project is placed on hold and will be considered again at a later date at the discretion of the Board once the Klondike North project has progressed and further planning is completed on the Juneberry Ridge Revisited Main project.

In order to move these items forward in a timely manner, several tasks were assigned as follows: 1) The Attorney was directed to review a US Fish & Wildlife Service easement that exists on land in section 25, Klondike Township and determine if the easement can be changed or altered in order to achieve a flood control project that would benefit the public.

2) Manager Olsonawski was directed to contact the owner of lands that neighbor land that is owned by the District to determine if those lands are for sale and what the sale price would be.

3) The Administrator and the Engineer were directed to finalize and submit a concept paper for the Klondike North project to be submitted to the Board of Managers at their August monthly meeting.

4) The Administrator and the Engineer were directed to prepare the necessary documents with the intent to submit a Step 1 funding request to the Red River Watershed Management Board at their September meeting.

#### **Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Jeff Hane of Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm, & Albright, P.A., gave an Attorney's report regarding the following items:

Springbrook PL 566 Project #10: Right of way easements continue to be worked on and obtained. The District and landowners continue to use the Reinvest in Minnesota program, and this is proving to be a slow process, with several easements still being worked on. Hane is working separately with two other landowners to secure an easement with the District. Some title work is necessary and Hane will work with the Administrator and report periodically on his progress.

Quick: Once the NRCS signs and agrees to closing documents with the Quick family, then the District can finalize purchase of the land from Quick. Hane will perform the necessary title work and prepare the sale and closing documents between the Quick's and the District.

**R. Schwenzefier:** Mr. Schwenzefier was in attendance to express his concern regarding a tile drainage permit that was issued in 2013. He feels that his ag field is negatively affected by the installation and operation of the tile. The permit was reviewed and the decision making process that was followed in issuing the permit was explained. If it is determined that downstream flooding is occurring, then the tile pump must be shut off. District staff will investigate the issue.

**Permits:**

The Board acted on the following permits. Conditions, if any, are listed on the permit sent to the individual.

<i>App. #</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Action</i>
2014-17	Enbridge	Svea 1	pipeline maintenance	Approve
<b>Motion Olsonawski, second Johnson, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-18	Enbridge	Davis 25	pipeline maintenance	Approve
<b>Motion Olsonawski, second Johnson, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-19	Blawat Farms	Barto 16	crossing with culvert	Table
2014-22	HFC Inc – Hapka	Norway 8	water appropriation irrigation	Approve
<b>Motion Olsonawski, second Brazier, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-23	HFC Inc – Hapka	Norway 17	water appropriation irrigation	Approve
<b>Motion Olsonawski, second Brazier, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-24	HFC Inc – Hapka	Norway 9	water appropriation irrigation	Approve
<b>Motion Olsonawski, second Brazier, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-25	HFC Inc – Hapka	Norway 16	water appropriation irrigation	Approve
<b>Motion Olsonawski, second Brazier, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-26	Roseau Co. Hwy Dept	Barto 5	lower existing 60" cmp	Approve
<b>Motion Brazier, second Johnson, unanimous vote</b>				
2014-27	Enbridge	Svea 25	2 crossings with 24" cmp's	Table

Permits Reviewed by Administrator or by Committee

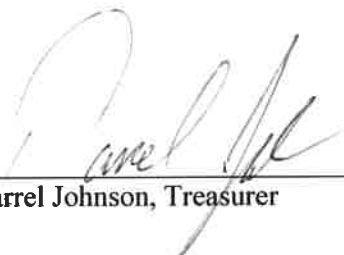
<i>App. #</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Action</i>
2014-20	Blawat Farms	Soler 10	crossing with 24" cmp	approve 18"
2014-21	Blawat Farms	Soler 23	crossing with 24" cmp	approve 18"

Permit Issues

- A permit violation was reported to the District regarding a dike that has been constructed. Enforcement action will be taken.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:




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Darrel Johnson, Treasurer




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Roger Anderson, President

