

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers  
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District  
Held: November 5, 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, November 5, 2014 at the District Office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

Managers present included President Roger Anderson, Vice President Jim Kukowski, Secretary Jon Vold, Treasurer Darrel Johnson, Paul Olsonawski, Allen Brazier, & Daryl Klegstad. None were absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, Randy Knott of HDR Engineering, Attorney Jeff Hane, Garner Eeg, Rick Solberg, Pat Downs of the Red River Retention authority, Keith Weston of NRCS, and Kelly Turgeon and Sue Westrom of the Farm Service Agency.

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 September 30, 2014. Today's meeting agenda and the minutes of the September 30, 2014 regular meeting were approved upon a **motion** by Vold, **second** by Brazier, 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 upon a **motion** by Kukowski, 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** - Data that has been collected over the past 2 years will be analyzed this winter, a revised conditions report will be put together, and various state agencies will be writing various reports. Meetings will be held late winter or early spring to re-convene the local partners and strategize how to move forward.
- **Two Rivers WRPP** - Data will be analyzed over the winter and agency reports will be completed. Once these are done, the process will move forward.

MN Association of WD's: The MAWD annual meeting will be held on December 4-6 in Alexandria, MN. The Board authorized the Administrator to attend, and any Board members that are interested. Manager Anderson indicated he would attend, and anyone else that is interested should let Money know prior to November 20<sup>th</sup>. Anderson was appointed as the Delegate to the meeting from the TRWD.

RRWMB: The last RRWMB meeting was held in Karlstad, MN and one of the main topics was the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project #11. The project site was toured, and the RRWMB voted to approve a step 1 funding application and also agreed to lend the TRWD a loan in the amount of \$5 million to purchase the land needed for the project.

2014 Construction / Maintenance: Work has been completed to remove sediment and debris from JD 10 Br B, SD 49, Dewey 5 Improvement, Ross #7, and Springbrook #10. Beaver trapping is ongoing on Springbrook #10, SD 49, and the North Branch Project. Surveys have been completed or are in progress on Kittson Co. ditch #7 and JD 10 main.

Horseshoe Lake: Stop logs will be pulled this week and the lake will be drawn down according to the operating plan.

Springbrook PL 566 Project #10: All maintenance has been completed except that several beaver dams need to be removed. Agreements with landowners and with the Board of Water and Soil Resources on the right of way needs to be finalized.

Personnel Committee: The Personnel committee will need to meet prior to the December Board meeting in order to do the annual employee and salary review.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Prj #11: Letters have been received from the DNR and the USCOE regarding environmental and permitting concerns. The Big Swamp Project Work Team will be discussing the issues at a committee meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Klondike Clean Water Retention Prj. #11: Several land acquisitions are in progress. Purchase agreements have been drafted for all lands considered and discussions are taking place with landowners.

Upon a **motion** by Brazier, **second** by Johnson, and **unanimous vote**, it was approved to purchase 642 acres from Ray Christian at a price of \$535,539. Hane was authorized to prepare the documents to complete the purchase.

Upon a **motion** by Johnson, **second** by Kukowski, and a **6-0 vote with Olsonawski abstaining**, it was approved to purchase 1,159.66 acres from Doug Nelson and Cindy Sobolik at a price of \$1,159,660. Hane was authorized to prepare the documents to complete the purchase.

Details of a potential purchase of 3, 610 acres of land from East Farms was discussed. Money and Hane were directed to collect more information regarding existing CRP contracts and other details.

A contract for services from HDR engineering was reviewed. A few points were called into question, and Hane was directed to work on the issues with HDR.

#### **Keith Weston / NRCS:**

Carlson gave the Engineer's report on the following:

'Quick' Project: Weston discussed details of the Quick Wetland Reserve Program signup. He explained how the NRCs needs to comply with the program rules in doing a project design. The District in the past has requested the ability to store up to 5,000 acre feet of water on the project site, however the NRCS is looking at wetland restorations that would be more like 1,800 acre feet. A request for a waiver from Washington that would allow the larger storage has been submitted. Once a reply is received, the project will proceed with design and construction.

Klondike Clean Water Retention Project #11: Discussion was held regarding the \$50 million that is available through the farm bill for watershed flood storage projects. Details and program requirements were discussed.

**Pat Downs / Red River Retention Authority:** Downs discussed the potential availability of \$20 million if the Rural Conservation Partnership Program is approved. This would be available for project planning, design, and construction of structures. Projects will be prioritized and ranked by the Red River Retention Authority, and funding will be distributed to projects based upon the rankings and readiness to utilize the funding.

**Garner Eeg:** Landowner Eeg addressed the Board of Managers regarding questions he had with a recent permit issued to Rick Solberg, application number 2014-68. He indicated concerns with a dike being constructed under the terms of the permit and whether it would impact land he farms adjacent to the diked lands. The TRWD gave him information considered during the permit review, including drainage areas, LiDar data, and other site specific data.

**Rick Solberg:** Solberg requested an amendment be made to application 2014-68. The original application was for a dike with one 24" culvert. The request is to allow an additional 24" culvert through the dike. The Permit Committee has met on the issue and approved one additional 18" culvert instead of the 24" that was requested. Solberg has already installed a 24", and requested it be allowed to remain. He was informed that the 24" must be removed immediately and replaced with an 18" in order to comply with the terms of the permit.

**FSA – K. Turgeon / S Westrom:** Turgeon and Westrom addressed the Board of Managers regarding the CRP program rules and how they would apply to the acreages being considered for purchase by the TRWD.

CRP details discussed included amount of rent a government agency could reasonably charge, rules pertaining to who can hold a CRP contract, penalties/paybacks for lands removed from a CRP contract under threat of eminent domain, and other clarifications. The Board directed Administrator Money to write a letter to FSA requesting clarification on several items to make sure all program rules are followed regarding the KCWRP #11.

Manager Kukowski left the meeting at 1:05 pm.

**Permits:**

The Board of Managers referred the following permits to the Permit Committee for review and action to approve or deny. 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>
2014-62	Michael Larson	Teien 35	culverts/ditching	pending
2014-71	JH&H Peterson Ent Inc	SRR 33	clean coulee \	pending
2014-72	JH&H Peterson Ent Inc	Teien 22	fix washout	pending
2014-73	JH&H Peterson Ent Inc	Teien 22	ditching	table
2014-74	JH&H Peterson Ent Inc	Teien 23	ditching / culvert	pending
2014-75	Terry Osowski	SRR9	lower existing 18" cmp	approve
2014-76	Kendall Hunter	Clow 23	new xing w/ 24" cmp	approve 18"

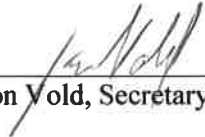
Permits Previously Reviewed by Administrator or by Committee  
For Conditions See Permit

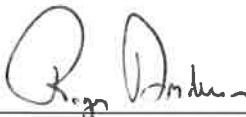
2014-40	Ron Mooney	Dewey 4-5	culverts & ditching	approve
2014-43	Kittson Co Hwy Dept	Richardville 5	ditching & culverts	deny
2014-53	Tegner Twp	Tegner 28	30" cmp / drainage	deny
2014-58	Davis Twp	Davis 34-35	texas crossing	tabled

2014-59	Davis Twp	Davis 34	field crossing	approve
2014-60	Deere Farms	Granville 32	culverts to slow water	approve
2014-61	MN DNR	Dewey 20	24" culvert	approve
2014-63	Doug Green	Deer 8	12" culvert/crossing	approve
2014-64	Verizon Wireless	Skagen 7 (Badger)	entrance to cell tower	approve
2014-65	Arlan Dalager	Dewey 20	lower 18" cmp by 6"	approve
2014-66	Kyle Folland	Pelan 31	install 18" in crossing	approve
2014-67	Rodney Potrament	St Joseph 28	18" cl cmp w/trap	approve
2014-68	Rick Solberg	Barto 2	install 24" through dike	approve 18"

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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 Jon Vold, Secretary

  
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 Roger Anderson, President