

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers  
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District  
Held: April 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, April 2, 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, Allen Brazier, & Daryl Klegstad. Paul Olsonawski was absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, Engineer Blake Carlson, Attorney Jeff Hane, and Kittson County Engineer Kelly Bengtson.

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 March 4, 2014. Today's meeting agenda and the minutes of the March 4, 2014 regular meeting were approved upon a **motion** by Brazier, **second** by Klegstad, 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 Johnson, a **second** by Kukowski, 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 And Protection Strategies;*

- **Lower Red River WRAP** - There has been no activity regarding this project since the last meeting.
- **Two Rivers WRAP** - 'Kickoff' meetings were held on March 27, 2014 at Lake Bronson State Park. A citizen's and technical advisory committee meeting was held at 1:00 and a public informational meeting was held at 3:00. Information was presented by Houston Engineering, MN Pollution control Agency, and the TRWD regarding the process, data collection / monitoring activities, funding, civic engagement, and other aspects of the project.

*MN Association of WD's:* Money attended the annual legislative briefing. Meetings were held with Representatives Fabian and Kiel. Of note was the bonding bill, which the Governor has recommended \$0 for flood control, with the House and Senate versions for up to \$20 million. The RRWD is submitting for funding for their Roseau River WMA project, which would address the overflows into the Two Rivers WD.

*RRWMB:* Discussion was held regarding the annual March Conference, which was held in Detroit Lakes, MN March 25-26. Manager Johnson and Administrator Money attended. Information was presented on project work teams, funding, project work team process, and updates were heard from several federal and state agencies.

Snow Survey: The annual snow survey has been completed, and results show snow depths ranging from 7" to 26", and water contents ranging from 2.02" to 6.2". It appears that there is potential on the Two Rivers for moderate flooding, but as always it will depend on several variables, including the speed of the melt and future precipitation.

DNR Protected Waters: District staff have assisted 6 landowners in preparing and submitting permit applications to the DNR for excavation in protected watercourses. These are at various phases of the DNR review. Discussion was held regarding future survey work that the District undertakes at the request of landowners, townships, or other entities. The Administrator was directed to develop a standard agreement / request for services that the landowner would sign to request survey services from the District.

Impoundment Committee: The impoundment committee met once during the past month to discuss planning and implementing strategies to build flood control. Several projects were discussed, including the Quick, Klondike 1, Klondike 2, and the work of the Big Swamp Project Work Team (BSPWT). The committee is researching the old Juneberry Ridge project and has referenced the District's Overall Plan and BSPWT goals in order to come up with a master plan. The idea is to create a master flood control plan for the SD 95 – SD 72 – SD 91 – Badger Creek & Skunk Creek subwatersheds. The Quick, Klondike 1 and Klondike 2 would be project components of the master plan. The master plan would be used to guide the District with seeking project planning, funding, permitting, and construction for the next 10 to 15 years. The committee will be meeting with DNR representatives along with other possible interested parties to discuss NRE and FDR possibilities. D. Money was directed to rough out a draft of a possible master plan.

**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: Hane reported on an issue of a landowner along the project refusing to enter into a RIM easement giving the District right of way. A **motion** was made by Brazier, **seconded** by Vold, and approved upon a **unanimous vote** to give the landowner 30 days to comply with the terms previously agreed by signing it into the RIM program or giving a separate easement to the District. If 30 days passes and nothing is completed, Hane was directed to file a lawsuit against the landowners.

**Engineer's Report:**

Carlson gave the Engineer's report on the following:

Impoundments: Carlson handed out information regarding a potential impoundment site located along lateral 1 of SD 95, west of the City of Badger. Discussion was held and the matter was tabled and referred to the impoundment subcommittee for consideration in the formulation of the master impoundment plan.

**Kittson County Highway Department:** County Engineer Kelly Bengtson addressed the Board of Managers regarding projects of the Roseau River Watershed District. He was informed that the Roseau River WMA project is being planned and funding is being sought for construction. This project will benefit lands within the Two Rivers WD by reducing the amount of crossover flooding that happens during larger flood events.

**Tile Drainage:** Manager Vold made a **motion** that for all tile drainage permit applications that are received, the applicant be required as a part of the application to submit written proof that the next downstream affected property owners have been contacted and informed of the proposed tile project. Discussion was held regarding the motion, and the Board generally thought that this information could be obtained either by altering the permit application or by District staff notifying the affected landowners. The **motion died** for lack of a second, and the Administrator was directed to notify affected landowners by letter any time a tile permit application is received.

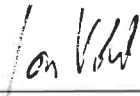
**Permits:**


Upon a **motion** by Kukowski, **second** by Vold, and **unanimous vote**, 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>
2014-05	Scott Nelson	Richardville 20	Tile Drainage	Approve
2014-06	Scott Nelson	Richardville 20	Tile Drainage	Approve

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

Attest:

  
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Jon Vold, Secretary

  
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Roger Anderson, President

# Fluvial River Watershed Data

Department of the Interior - Bureau of Reclamation

Date: January 1, 2000