

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: July 1, 2015 @ 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 1, 2015 at the District Office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

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

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, Engineer Nate Dalager, landowner Rick Solberg, Kittson County Highway Engineer Kelly Bengtson.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kukowski. Kukowski called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda and also the meeting minutes from June 3, 2015. Today's meeting agenda and the minutes of the June 3, 2015 regular meeting were approved upon a **motion** by Johnson, **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 deposit detail. It was noted that checks written for the month include check numbers 7607 through 7632 and electronic funds transfers to PERA, MN Dept. of Revenue, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, as reported and contained within the report.

Manager Olsonawski discussed payment owed for rental of a bus that was used during the Citizen's Advisory Committee tour of the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project #11. Upon a motion by Olsonawski, second by Vold, and unanimous vote, it was approved to pay Don Burton \$400 for use of the bus.

The treasurer's report was then approved upon a **motion** by Vold, 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:

Meeting Change Request: Money requested the Board consider changing the date of the August regular meeting from August 5 to August 4. Upon a motion by Vold, second by Olsonawski, and unanimous vote of the Managers, the August meeting was changed to 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015.

Ditches: An update was given on the status of ditch surveys and inspections. It was reported that numerous beavers and beaver dams are present and are being removed. Ditch inspections are underway and several miles will need cattail and brush maintenance. Mowing is needed at Ross #7 and at Springbrook #10. Annual inspections will be scheduled for the Nereson impoundment.

Legislature 2015: A summary was handed out showing the various bills and legislation that was approved this year affecting watershed districts. Discussion was held on buffer strips, funding for flood control, ring dikes, and various other initiatives.

RRV Ag Water Issues Forum: A meeting sponsored by various ag organizations will be held July 15 at Hallock. The forum will discuss the EPA and USCOE waters of the US issue, MN buffer laws, RRV nutrient reduction strategies, UAS, and climate trends report.

Quick WRP Project: A letter has been sent to the NRCS requesting that they consider constructing the project to the limit that would be allowed under a waiver from the State Conservationist. A meeting between the TRWD and the NRCS is being planned to discuss the project technical details.

Engineer's Report:

Engineer Nate Dalager of HDR Engineering presented information regarding the following:

Klondike Clean Water Retention Prj. #11: Dalager presented a revised concept plan view for a proposed "Phase 1" of the project. This latest version is a result of a tour of the area that the Board and the Citizen's Advisory Committee attended and subsequent discussions. The plan includes a revised south diversion ditch, a relocated north diversion ditch along the alignment of the "Huseby" ditch, a relocated diked inlet to address access issues, various inlet and outlet structures, location of moist soils management units, and the footprint of the dike and exterior ditches. He will continue to work on plan development.

Discussion was held regarding funding. Money reported that there is approximately \$500,000 available through the NRCS – RCPP program, which the Board has decided to apply for. There were 20 applications and all were approved. However, NRCS can only process one or two applications per month and therefore it may be some time before the funding is made available. An update will be presented at next month's meeting.

Kittson County Highway Engineer Kelly Bengtson: Bengtson discussed permit application 2015-06 regarding the CSAH #15 road project. He submitted a change in the plans and discussed the details. The permit was referred to the permit committee for further consideration.

Landowner Rick Solberg: Solberg addressed the Board of Managers regarding a previously approved permit that was granted to him, numbered 1531. The permit was for an 18" culvert with a gate located through an existing dike. Solberg indicated he wants to remove the culvert because it did not achieve its intended purpose. The Board of Managers granted the request and revoked the permit.

Solberg also discussed plans for a future project intended to prevent water from flowing out of Lateral 1 of State Ditch #95. He will refine his plans and apply for a permit from the District.

Permits:

Upon a **motion** by Johnson, **second** by Olsonawski, and **unanimous vote**, the Board acted on the following permits. Conditions, if any, are listed on the permit sent to the individual.

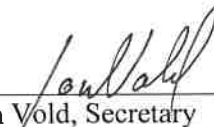
<i>App. #</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Action</i>
2015-06	Kittson Co Hwy Dept	CSAH #15	Road/Culverts/Drainage	Tabled
2015-19	Robert Blomquist	SW Hazelton 34	Culvert / diversion	Tabled
2015-20	Wollin Family Trust	Dewey 32	Ditch	Approved
Condition: need as-built; need to control erosion				
2015-21	Brandon Clark	Deerwood 8	Culvert	Tabled
2015-22	Robert Novacek	Soler 33	Ring Dike	Approved
2015-24	Mike Jorgenson	Moose 19 & 30	Tile Drainage	Approved

The following permits were previously acted upon by the Administrator and the Permit Committee:


2015-23	Michael Klegstad	Deer 5	Crossing 18"cmp	Pending
2015-25	Brian Gatheridge	Hazelton 12	Crossing 18"cmp	Approved

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

Attest:



Jon Vold, Secretary



Jim Kukowski, Vice President

