

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: January 21, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two River Watershed District held a special meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 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, & Daryl Klegstad. Allen Brazier was absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, and Engineer Nate Dalager.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss engineering design, land rights, permits, and other aspects of the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project #11.

Land Acquisition:

Anderson reported that he attended the closing on the land purchase from East Farms. The TRWD now owns all of sections 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24 of Klondike Township and also the S ½, S ½ section 13, the SE ¼ section 16, and the SE ¼ section 21 of Klondike Township. The District already owns section 1, the N ½ section 12, the W ½ NW ¼ section 11, and the NW ¼ SW ¼ section 11, all in Klondike Township. Also the TRWD owns section 31 of Juneberry Township in Roseau County. A purchase agreement has been signed to obtain the remainder of sections 2, 11, and 10 of Klondike Township and details are being worked out by the District Attorney.

Land Exchange: Discussion was held regarding the potential land exchange that has been discussed with the DNR. A letter has been sent by the District to the DNR regarding a potential exchange of land owned by the District located in sections 27 and 35 of Klondike Township for land owned by the DNR in sections 12 and 13 of Klondike Township. The District is also interested in exchanging land owned by the District located in section 2 for land owned by the DNR located in section 11 of Klondike Township.

District Administrator Money was directed by the Board to follow up with the DNR regarding the letter that was sent by the District to the DNR on August 20th, 2014. In addition, inquiry should be made to the DNR regarding the land exchange idea in sections 2 and 11.

Project Design:

Engineer Dalager presented preliminary design and drawings that he has been working on. It is apparent that the project will need to proceed in several phases, and discussion was held on what should be included in each phase and what needs to be done to proceed.

Access: there will be some issues with providing access to private lands and crossings will be needed across the inlet ditch and the south diversion ditch. Options were discussed and Dalager will use the input gathered when doing a design.

Phases: Considerable discussion was held on how to phase the design and construction of the impoundment. Consideration needs to be given to design and how it interlocks with permitting, funding, and other aspects of the project. It was the opinion of the Board that phase 1 should include the inlet ditch, embankment dikes along the north and west exterior of the impoundment, associated inlet and outlet structures, and northerly outlet ditch. It was estimated the cost to be \$15 million.

Permits: It was noted that an environmental assessment worksheet will need to be prepared and submitted. This is a lengthy document that will look at all of the pros and cons of the project with

respect to environmental concerns. The project work team is currently working with the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine what the COE jurisdiction is, and also to prepare 'concurrence point #1' for submission. Several other permits and environmental concerns were discussed. To facilitate the project design and permitting, an overall project plan must be put together and then it can be broken into phases for funding and construction purposes. The permits will be applied for and issued for the whole project. Discussion was held regarding mitigation and a site within the project that mitigation should be done.

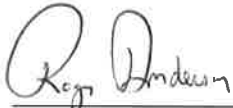
Dalager will utilize the input gathered at today's meeting to incorporate into the project design. He noted that a 'RAS' computer model will need to be put together and completed in order to aid in the design and decision making for the various facets of the project. This will take approximately two months to complete.

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

Attest:



Jon Vold, Secretary



Roger Anderson, President