

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: October 4, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two River Watershed District held their regular meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the District Office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

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

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, Head Technician Matt Thompson, Attorney Jeff Hane, Engineer Blake Carlson, Engineer Nate Dalager, Kittson County Engineer Kelly Bengtson, and Kittson County Commissioner Theresia Gillie.

The meeting was called to order by President D. Johnson. Johnson called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda and also the meeting minutes from August 2, 2017. Today's meeting agenda and the minutes of the August 2, 2017 regular meeting were approved upon a **motion** by Brazier, **second** by Anderson, 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 8267 through 8298 and electronic funds transfers to PERA, MN Dept. of Revenue, and Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, as reported and contained within the report.

The treasurer's report was then approved upon a **motion** by Klegstad, a **second** by Brazier, and a **unanimous vote** by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

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

Legal Ditch Report: Repairs from spring runoff flooding are either complete or are being completed on several ditch systems, including Kittson County Ditch #10, Judicial Ditch #10 Branch B, Kennedy #6, and Kittson County Ditch #7.

MAWD: The MN Association of Watershed Districts will hold their annual meeting in Alexandria, MN on November 30 – December 1, 2017. Resolutions from member Watershed Districts are due by mid October. The Board discussed stable funding for flood control projects, specifically impoundments. Money will write and submit a resolution to MAWD.

Program Report:

Buffers: As a part of the District accepting the enforcement for the buffer law on ditches under their jurisdiction, the Rules of the Two Rivers Watershed District need to be revised. Attorney Hane and Administrator Money utilized model rule language available from the MN Board of Water & Soil Resource and others to come up with the draft rule. It has been sent out for public comment, and a public hearing has been scheduled for November 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Project Report:

Klondike Clean Water Retention Prj. #11: The public hearing required under MN Statute 103D will be held on November 1, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Engineer Dalager and

Administrator Money will present the project to the Red River Watershed Management Board for step 2 funding approval on October 17th, 2017.

Polonia Clean Water Retention Prj. #12 (Quick): The Natural Resources Conservation Service has submitted 3 options for the construction of this Wetland Reserve Program project. One is to achieve 1,000 acre feet of storage using constructed dikes with a clay core. Another is to achieve 1,000 acre feet of storage using constructed dikes made of peat soil. The third is not to achieve any storage, but simply restore wetlands by leveling berms, filling in and plugging ditches. Cost share is 75% NRCS and 25% TRWD. Total cost to the District would range from \$64,000 to \$243,000 to \$416,000 depending upon which option is chosen. The Board of managers tabled the matter, and Money will ask for more detailed information from NRCS regarding each of the options.

Ross #7: An inquiry has been received to rent land at the Ross #7 project for the purpose of haying. The 40 acre parcel is currently idle. Upon a **motion** by Klegstad, **second** by Brazier, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers, approval was granted to rent the land for a 3 year term at \$25 per acre. Money was directed to draw up and execute the agreement.

Permits:

The Board reviewed the following permit applications. All were referred to the permit committee for further review.

<u>App. #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Action</u>
2017-59	J. Dagen Applicant must provide complete information	Springbrook 35	Tile	Tabled
2017-64	J. Carlson	Thompson 23	Crossing w/ culvert	Pending
2017-68	B. Anderson	Svea 26	lower in place 18" cmp	Pending
2017-69	Barnett Township	Barnett 16	install center line culvert	Pending
2017-71	K. Folland	Norway 14	Tile	Pending
The following permit applications were previously approved by the permit committee.				
2017-53	Meisner	St. Joseph 30-31fra	enlarge road culverts	Approved
2017-61	J. Howard After the fact fee received	Dewey 27	Texas Crossing	Approved
2017-65	E. Walsh	Stokes 19	Crossing w/ 18" culvert	Approved
2017-66	E. Walsh	Stokes 20/21	Ditching; Lower culverts	Approved
2017-67	R. Schwenzfeier	Granville 25	Tile	Approved
2017-70	S. Nelson	Richardville 20	water appropriation	Approved

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:



 Daryl Klegstad, Secretary



 Darrel Johnson, President