

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers  
Of the Two Rivers Watershed District  
Held: March 4, 2020 @ 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, March 4, 2020 at the District Office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

Managers present included President Paul Olsonawski, Vice President Roger Anderson, Secretary Daryl Klegstad, Treasurer Joel Muir, Bruce Anderson, Rick Sikorski, and Scott Klein. None were absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, Head Technician Matt Thompson, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm & Albright, P.A.), Engineer Jake Huwe (HDR Engineering), Engineer Blake Carlson (WSN Engineering), Engineer Tony Nordby (HEI Engineering), and landowner Bill Erickson.

The meeting was called to order by President Olsonawski. Olsonawski then called for any additions or corrections to the proposed meeting agenda, and the regular meeting minutes from February 5, 2020. Today's meeting agenda was approved upon a **motion** by B. Anderson, **second** by R. Anderson and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. The minutes of the February 5, 2020 regular meeting were approved upon a **motion** by Sikorski, **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 deposit detail. It was noted that checks written for the month include check numbers 9014 through 9037 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 Sikorski, a **second** by B. Anderson, 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:** Upcoming workload for 2020 was discussed. Surveys will be completed on Springbrook #10, Judicial Ditch #3 and Judicial Ditch #10 main. Sloughing repair work and sediment removal will be done on JD #10 Br. B and KCD #7. Sediment removal will also be done on KCD #21. All District ditches will be inspected and vegetation spraying, beaver and beaver dam removal, and other necessary work will be completed as needed.

**Land Rent – Ross #7:**

The rental lease on one of the parcels rented out by the TRWD, located in section 27 of Ross Township in Roseau County, has expired and was advertised for bids. Three bids were received and reviewed by the Board. Bill Erickson was in attendance, and spoke in favor of the bid that his son Todd Erickson had submitted. He stated that Todd was the renter on the parcel for the past year, and he had invested in the property by seeding a rye crop. A **motion** was made by Olsonawski to rent the parcel to Erickson at \$50/acre for 3 years. The **motion died** for lack of a second. The Board acknowledged the investment that was made but noted that Erickson knew when he seeded the rye that the parcel would be up for bids.

A **motion** was made by Muir to rent the parcel to Erickson at \$50/acre for a period of 1 year. The motion was **seconded** by Klein and **approved upon a 5-0 vote** (B. Anderson abstained and Klegstad had momentarily left the room at the time of the vote). The parcel will be offered on bids again at the end of 2020.

A lease agreement with Paul Davy for 124.7 tillable acres located in sections 28 and 33 of Ross Township, Roseau County was discussed. The lease expired at the end of 2019 and Davy has expressed interest in leasing it again for a 3 year term. Upon a **motion** by Sikorski, **second** by B. Anderson and **unanimous vote** of the Managers, it was approved to rent for 3 years at a rental price of \$25/acre.

**ATV:** The Board had previously discussed replacing the current ATV, which is a 2006 Polaris Sportsman 500. Technician Thompson presented 3 bids for a 2020 Polaris Sportsman 570. The bid of \$7,350 submitted by Hubert's Outdoor Power was accepted and purchase of the atv was approved upon a **motion** by Sikorski, **second** by Muir, and **unanimous vote** of the Managers. Staff was directed to put the old atv up for sale on bids to be considered at the June 3, 2020 regular Board meeting.

**Grain Bins:** An inquiry has been received regarding 10 unused grain bins on Watershed District property in Klondike Township, Kittson County. The Board discussed what to do with the bins. It was decided to advertise for bids to sell the bins to be moved off the premises. Bids will be accepted and a decision will be made at the June 3, 2020 regular meeting.

**MAWD:** The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts will hold its Legislative Breakfast on March 18-19, 2020 in St. Paul. In addition, the Red River Watershed Management Board has scheduled meetings on March 17. Money was directed to attend, and all Managers are also encouraged to attend.

**RRWMB March Conference:** The conference will be held in conjunction with the Red River Flood Damage Reduction Work Group on March 10-11 in Moorhead. Several informative seminars on flood damage reduction and natural resources enhancement projects in the Red River basin will be held. Money was directed to attend and all Managers are also encouraged to attend.

**Spring Flood Outlook:** A report was given on the potential for spring flooding. Current predictions are for major flooding on the Red River and moderate flooding on the Two Rivers. Data and information was distributed and discussed. The District's impoundments are empty and ready to be operated, and District staff will be monitoring and reporting streamflows and coordinating information as needed.

**Program Report:**

*One Watershed One Plan:* An update on the 'Two Rivers Plus' one watershed one plan was given. The Steering Committee continues to meet and is developing measurable goals related to water quality, flooding and hydrology, groundwater, natural resources and ag productivity. A Policy Committee meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to ratify and approve the goals. The next steps will be to write actions for each planning zone, begin looking at funding and budgets, and finalizing a draft plan by the end of May.

*Joint Meeting with Roseau River WD:* The informational meeting with Roseau River Watershed District was recapped. Reports were given on both District's flood control projects and discussion was held on the overflow flooding that occurs from the Roseau into the Two Rivers. A meeting will be scheduled between Kittson & Roseau Counties and the Roseau and Two Rivers Watershed Districts to discuss SD 72 and the crossovers between the two watersheds.

**Project Report:**

*Klondike Clean Water Retention Prj. #11:*

- Engineering – Engineer Jake Huwe of HDR Engineering stated that design plans are 90% completed. He handed out draft drawings and discussed the various project components such as the diked inlet, main dike, ditches, pilot channel, and other project features.
  - As discussed last meeting, additional survey information is needed. Fischer Surveying has provided a quote of \$4,200 to perform the work. The Board accepted and approved the quote upon a **motion** by R. Anderson, **second** by Klegstad, and **unanimous vote**.
- Permitting – now that the 90% plans have been submitted, the District can move forward with the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, Federal 404 wetland permitting, and State Wetland Conservation Act permitting. It will be necessary to hire a consultant to do the wetland delineations and work on the wetland permits. District staff will begin the work on the EAW. Staff were directed by the Board to obtain quotes for the wetland work to be reviewed and acted on at the April Board meeting.
- Natural Resources Enhancements – the NRE committee has completed recommendations regarding 1) low flow augmentation, 2) water quality improvements, and 3) fen enhancements. A Big Swamp Project Work Team meeting will be scheduled to discuss these, present the latest engineering plans, and to obtain concurrence.

**Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Jeff Hane of Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm, & Albright, P.A., gave an Attorney's report, update, and discussion on several matters regarding the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project.

**Permits:**

There were no permits to review at this time.

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

Attest:

  
Daryl Klegstad, Secretary

  
Paul Olsonawski, President