

**Minutes of the Public Hearing to
Re-Establish Kittson County Ditch #10 Records
Held: Thursday, July 7, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022. The meeting was held in the upstairs meeting room in the Kittson County Courthouse, 410 S. 5th Street, Hallock, MN.

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

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Tyler Coffield, Attorney Jeff Hane (Brink Lawyers), Engineer Blake Carlson (Widseth), Kittson County Commissioner Darrel Johnson, Roger Brazier, Norman Klegstad, Brandon Clark, Doug Clark, John Webster, Kurt Aakre, Daniel C. Anderson, Justin Dagen, Dean Johnson, Michael Larson, and Matthew Casper.

The meeting was called to order by President Sikorski. He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to follow MN Statute §103E.101 Subd.4a to re-establish drainage records for Kittson County Ditch #10.

Attorney: Jeff Hane of Brink Lawyers discussed the statute that is being followed, the hearing that is required, and the procedure at the hearing. Testimony will be accepted from meeting attendees and they must identify themselves for the record.

Administrator: Dan Money identified several items to be entered into the hearing record. These documents are required by statute and will be filed in the legal ditch file in the record of the hearing. The documents include: 1) JD #10 Engineer's 2021 Repair Survey Report, 2) Notice of Hearing, 3) Letter to Property Owners, 4) Emailed notice to Commissioner of Natural Resources and Executive Director of BWSR

Engineer's Report: Blake Carlson presented the repair survey report and covered the details of his recommendations.

Comments: Sikorski opened the meeting for comments from members of the public. The following comments and discussion were received

- Norman Klegstad discussed a water problem he is having. This problem is located 1.5 miles north of Kittson County Ditch #10 proper. The issue was duly noted that it is a separate issue and not related to the purpose of today's hearing.
- Roger Brazier stated that water currently stands in the bottom of KCD #10 and promotes cattail growth. Engineer Carlson noted that this hearing is to re-establish the grade of the ditch in the areas that have been identified. If landowners want to physically change the grade of the ditch, a petition and bond would need to be submitted. Clarification was made that today's hearing is to re-establish the grade and cross sections for purposes of maintaining the ditch.
- John Webster stated the county has historically has had problems with maintenance on ditches, creating very steep side slopes and causing sloughing issues. He would like to see better maintenance of ditches.

- Kurt Aakre stated that KCD #10 currently has an adequate grade and cross section, but care needs to be taken to properly maintain the ditch by spraying and removing cattails.
- Brandon Clark would like to see mechanical removal of the cattails. He does not feel that spraying alone is a good management tool because the dead vegetation blocks the bottom of the ditch.

Board of Managers: The Managers deliberated the information presented and the discussion that was held. Upon a motion by B. Anderson, second by Johnson, and unanimous vote, the attached Findings of Fact and Order was approved.

With no other matters to come before the Board of Managers, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m..

Attest:



Daryl Klegstad, Secretary



Rick Sikorski, President