

**Minutes of the Preliminary Resolution Hearing
For a Project in Klondike Township, Kittson County
Board of Managers Of the Two Rivers Watershed District
Held: September 12, 2014 @ 7:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District re-convened their Preliminary Resolution Hearing at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014 at the District Office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss matters regarding a potential flood control impoundment in Klondike Township, Kittson County.

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

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, Engineer Blake Carlson, Attorney Jeff Hane, Donovan Pietruzewski (MN DNR), Luke Novacek, and Dick Novacek.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson. He then referred to Attorney Jeff Hane, who explained the meeting is held according to MN Statute. Hane also described the process that will be followed and public comments will be taken.

Engineer Blake Carlson gave a revised preliminary report on the proposed project and distributed a handout. He described several project components the hydrology and hydraulics, detailed site plan, storage goals for 4" of runoff from a 143 square mile drainage area, provide 30,500 acre feet of storage and an adequate outlet for SD 95, inlet and outlet structures, and project costs.

President Anderson asked the public in attendance if they had any comments or would like to speak for or against the project.

Donovan Pietruzewski spoke in favor of the project. He would like to see the Project Work Team re-convened so that they can discuss the natural resources enhancements this project could provide. He touched on 'moist soils management', which could be one method of achieving the desired NRE's.

Dick Novacek also spoke in favor of the project. He indicated that he would like the project to address local drainage, crossover flooding, and providing adequate capacity for the ditch. He stated the District should look into the inlet ditch to be located 1 mile south of Lateral 1, SD 95, since that is the natural lay of the land.

Luke Novacek spoke in favor of the project. He stated it is good to address the overflows from the Roseau River and the State Ditch #72 system. He would like the Project Work Team to re-convene to discuss further this project.

The Board of Managers discussed that statute requires that a name and number be given the project. Two names suggested included "Two Rivers Retention Area", and "Klondike Impoundment Project". After discussion the Board was split on a 3-3 vote between the two names. After further discussion, the name "Klondike Clean Water Retention Project #11" was approved unanimously and adopted by the Board.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a project engineer. A motion was made by Manager Brazier to appoint Nate Dalager of HDR Engineering as the project engineer. Brazier stated that Dalager can work well with the MN DNR and that this project needs to progress in a timely manner without any stumbling blocks. The motion was seconded by Kukowski and carried upon a 4-2 vote of the Managers.

The Big Swamp Project Work Team was discussed. This PWT has not met since 2012, and will need to be re-convened in order to proceed with the project. The Administrator was directed to schedule and hold a meeting. It was noted that the Board will need to appoint 2 Managers to the PWT, since the two that were previously appointed are no longer on the Board. Managers Brazier and Johnson were appointed as delegates to the BSPWT.

The Preliminary Resolution that is required by statute was discussed. Attorney Hane had prepared a draft resolution and handed it out for discussion. Upon a motion by Kukowski, second by Johnson, and unanimous vote of the Board, the resolution was approved as drafted and is attached hereto to these minutes.

Funding was discussed. Administrator Money detailed the various possibilities for project funding, including the Red River Watershed Management Board, the State of MN Flood Damage Reduction program, Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, State of MN Clean Water funds, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service program funds through the Federal farm bill, and other sources.


Upon a motion by Brazier, second by Johnson, and unanimous vote of the Managers, the Administrator was directed to apply to the Red River Watershed Management Board for Step 1 funding to build the project at an estimated project cost of \$34,133,970. In addition, the Administrator was directed to apply to the RRWMB for a project funding grant in the amount of \$5.6 million in order to purchase the lands that are currently for sale. Engineering information that has been prepared to date by Widseth, Smith, and Nolting should be used if possible and any future engineering will be prepared by HDR Engineering in order to prepare and submit the Step 1 application in a timely manner.

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

Attest:



Jon Vold, Secretary



Roger Anderson, President