

**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 3, 2014 @ 7:00 a.m.**

The Board of Managers of the Two River Watershed District convened their Preliminary Resolution Hearing at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 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, Secretary Jon Vold, Treasurer Darrel Johnson, Paul Olsonawski, Allen Brazier, & Daryl Klegstad. None were absent.

Others present included District Administrator Dan Money, District Technician Matt Thompson, Engineer Blake Carlson, Attorney Jeff Hane, Keith Weston of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and landowner Allison Frislie .

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 preliminary report on the proposed project and distributed a handout. He described several project components, including the 'Big Swamp Project Work Team' discussions, the hydrology and hydraulics, detailed site plan, storage goals for 4" of runoff from a 55 square mile drainage area, provide 11,800 acre feet of storage and an adequate outlet for SD 95, inlet and outlet structures, and project costs.

Administrator Dan Money described the process that the Big Swamp PWT had followed during about 3 years of meetings. Both flood damage reduction goals and natural resources enhancement goals will be incorporated into the project. Money also touched on some of the permits that will be required for this project.

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

Allison Frislie commented that the goal of reducing flood flows on the Red River by 20% will not be noticed with the implementation of this project. He stated that the local benefits of this project will be noticeable. He asked whether the TRWD intends to pay the local land taxes if they purchase the land and also how the project would affect or be affected by the overflows that occur from the Roseau River.

Manager Vold left the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Keith Weston of the Natural Resources Conservation Service updated those in attendance on the new Federal farm bill and programs that are available that could be used to reduce project costs. He covered the Wetland Reserve Program, Regional Conservation Partnership Program, and ag lands easement programs. He detailed cost share funding that is available and the process to apply for this funding.

Attorney Hane discussed what is required by statute to proceed with the project. The Board of Managers would need to approve a resolution making certain findings of fact, naming the project, and appointing a project engineer.

Manager Olsonawski left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

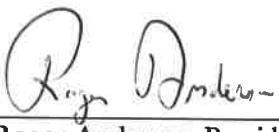
Manager Johnson discussed the possibility that more land is currently for sale and could be added to the footprint of the project. He questioned if another hearing would be necessary of if it could be included in today's hearing. It was noted that this hearing could be recessed to a later date, and in the meantime the preliminary report could be modified to add more lands. The hearing would then need to be re-convened and acted on by the Board. Upon a **motion** by Brazier, **second** by Johnson, and **unanimous vote**, the meeting was recessed until September 12, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. Engineer Carlson was directed by the Board to revise the preliminary report and present it at the hearing on 9/12/14. Administrator Money was directed to advertise the hearing as required by law. It was noted that discussion will be held regarding a project engineer and an appointment will be made at the hearing.

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

Attest:



Jon Vold, Secretary



Roger Anderson, President