

**Roseau River Watershed District
Special Meeting Minutes April 14, 2011**

Chairman Miller opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Katie Pieper, SandPieper Designs, gave the board a presentation on web site design. She presented the board information on web sites, events calendars on the web sites, logo and letterhead design options. Chairman Miller discussed the RRWMB cost share for web site design and maintenance. Manager Voll made a **motion** to move forward with the putting together a website and logo design, seconded by Manager Carriere. Mrs. Pieper will work with the staff concerning what would be included on the site and logo design. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Miller discussed the sequencing of project in the watershed. He stated that money has been invested into the RRWMA project development and feels that the board should again pursue this project. Managers Carriere and Haugen are in favor. Manager Miller stated that Paul Telander, MN DNR is in favor of resuming implementation of the project. Manager Haugen stated that he would like to see work done on SD 51 west from Lat 3 of WD 3 past the Duxby Levee. Manager Miller stated that it was worth exploring as an option. There was consensus from the board to pursue working with the COE, since they still have the Roseau River Project open. Manager Voll stated that it was his understanding that after building Hay Creek / Norland and Palmville, the next project would be on State land, upstream of Roseau. Manager Miller stated that the headwaters of Hay Creek sub-watershed would fit into a culvert sizing project. Chairman Miller stated that the Cedarbend Swamp is also an area of opportunity. Chairman Miller asked what the boards feelings were on the three sites proposed by the DNR. Manager Miller spoke about the upcoming Beltrami LUP focus group meetings. After some discussion, the boards plan on the lake bottom project is continue involvement with the DNR's efforts on the project. Chairman Miller stated that the Board needs to continue to pursue the impoundments on State land funded by the State. It was the feeling of the board that it was important to continue to work on the outlet (RRWMA and SD 51) and upstream impoundments (on State land).

The Board moved on to project funding. Manager Voll discussed the costs of the Hay Creek project. There was discussion on the costs of maintenance of the Hay Creek project and ways to fund the maintenance.

The Board discussed the maintenance fund for the West Interceptor. Roseau Mayor Jeff Pelowski agreed with the proposal that Administrator Sando and City Superintendent David Drown would view the system in July and decide on any work to be done. The costs would be discussed at the Budget hearing with input from the City. There was discussion on assessing the levy to individual parcels.

Rob will assess the status of the FEMA funding for the next meeting.

There was discussion on utilizing the County Engineer and Highway Department for work in the Watershed.

Manager Haugen stated that a \$100,000 certificate was taken out to cover expenses until the tax money comes in June. An additional certificate comes due in July. It was stated that work has virtually stopped on the Hay Creek project.

Any land the Watershed District removes from the property tax rolls still needs to pay the Ditch Tax. Administrator Sando informed the board that any land that is to be removed from the tax rolls needs to be done by July 1. Since the Board did not submit the request for the 2011 tax payable, the County Board would need to waive the taxes for this year. The board discussed moving forward with requesting a waiver. Administrator Sando discussed the PILT process. Manager Haugen made a **motion** to request the County Board waive the taxes and request the PILT payment Manager Carriere seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was continued discussion on the engineering expenses for the Hay Creek project. Manager Haugen talked about not having a signed contract with the engineering firm.

Manager Voll made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Manager Haugen. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

LeRoy Carriere, Secretary

Tracy Halstengard, Administrative Assistant