

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF  
MANAGERS SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 25, 2014**

**ORDER:** Chairman LeRoy Carriere called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**MANAGERS PRESENT:** Aaron Magnusson, LeRoy Carriere, Cody Schmalz, Tony Wensloff and Floyd Haugen.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Halstensgard and Technician McCormack

**OTHERS PRESENT:** LaVerne Voll and Todd Miller

**AGENDA:** A **motion** was made by Manager Magnusson and seconded by Manager Schmalz to approve the agenda. Manager Haugen requested the item of "Allegations of Misconduct" moved to the beginning of the meeting. Requested changes to the agenda failed due to lack of second. The original motion to approve the agenda as is passed with Manager Haugen abstaining.

The Board discussed the District By-Lays. Attorney Moren outlined changes that need to be made. The board was in consensus with the changes as discussed. A **motion** was made by Manager Schmalz, seconded by Manager Magnusson to adopt the by-laws contingent upon the changes discussed today being made. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the draft District Policies. Attorney Moren stated she had no changes to the policies. Manager Haugen asked about section "G" under "Board Responsibilities." Statutory language will be added to clarify requirements concerning obtaining bids or quotes for purchases. A **motion** was made by Manger Haugen to adopt the policies with changes, seconded by Manager Schmalz. Motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing the draft Rules, the Board will receive the final copy of the Rules with changes and additions at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the Red River Watershed Management Board Joint Power Agreement. Chairman Carriere read out loud the changes made from the previous document. A **motion** was made by Manager Magnusson to accept the JPA and authorize Chairman Carriere to sign, seconded by Manager Schmalz. Motion carried unanimously.

Technician McCormack informed the board of the options review by himself and Engineer Dalager to address the water overflowing the access road south of the east inlet of the Norland Impoundment. Manager Schmalz made a **motion** to approve option #2 as presented by Technician McCormack with the addition of a clay base as recommended by engineer and contractor, seconded by Manager Magnusson. Motion carried unanimously.

July meeting date was discussed. There are conflicts with staff for the current meeting date of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The current meeting date of July 2<sup>nd</sup> will stand.

Manager Wensloff made a **motion** to close the special meeting for Personnel Review of Administrator Halstensgard in accordance with Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(a), seconded by Manger Schmalz. Motion carried unanimously. A **motion** was

made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manger Magnusson to close the closed meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Magnusson made a **motion** to open the special meeting, seconded by Manager Wensloff. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Manager Haugen, seconded by Manager Magnusson to close the special meeting for personnel review of Torin McCormack in accordance with Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(a). Motion carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Magnusson to close the closed meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Magnusson made a **motion** to open the special meeting, seconded by Manager Wensloff. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Carriere read the statue to close the meeting. A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Magnusson, to close the meeting. Motion carried with Manager Haugen abstaining. Manager Wensloff made a **motion** to open the meeting at the subject's request, seconded by Manager Magnusson. Motion carried with Manager Haugen abstaining.

Attorney Moren stated that the meeting today was scheduled due to the fact that in January of 2014 a letter was written to Mr. Haugen stating that there was funds owed the District and that bill has not been paid. Attorney Moren discussed the responsibilities and limitation of the Board concerning this matter. Mr. Haugen was informed that the Board would not be asking him any questions, however if Mr. Haugen has the right to make a statement if he so choose.

Mr. Haugen questioned who was pushing this issue and how the amount became public. He was reminded that at the January meeting, he had requested the meeting be opened to the public therefore the information discussed at the meeting is public information. There was also discussion on the reason this specific site did not qualify for grant funding.

Attorney Moren reiterated the options available to the board including turning the issue over to the appointing authority which is the County Board. Roseau County Commissioner Todd Miller was asked his feelings on the issue. Commissioner Miller stated, "It's bullsh\*\*. That's pretty much the way the rest of the Board feels, with the exception of one. So there you go."

After continued discussion, Manager Magnusson made a **motion** to hire an investigator to look at the issue and make a recommendation to the board, seconded by Manager Schmalz. Motion carried with Manager Haugen abstaining. Attorney Moren will contact Kristi Hastings.

A **motion** was made by Manager Magnusson, seconded by Manager Wensloff to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cody Schmalz, Secretary

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Tracy Halstengard, Administrator