

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF
MANAGERS SPEICAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28, 2015**

Chairman Carriere called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Manager Jason Braaten took the oath of office. The purpose before the board is the Public Hearing on Proposed Improvements to Ditches #8 and #16.

**THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO DITCHES #8 AND #16**

The Notice of Public Hearing was entered into the record. Chairman Carriere reviewed the hearing agenda and guidelines. Board members, consultants and staff introduced themselves. Managers present were LeRoy Carriere, Jason Braaten, Tony Wensloff and Carter Diesen. Staff and consultants present were Administrator Halstensgard, Attorney Moren and Engineer Dalager.

Chairman Carriere introduced Engineer Dalager and requested he begin the project presentation. Engineer Dalager discussed the request for changes to the Ditch #16. The request is for the installation of a 48" CMP for field approach. Greg Lislegard, landowner requesting the change, clarified the location of the proposed approach as approximately 200 feet south of the intersection. Mr. Lislegard also asked about the township replacing a 12" culvert under the road. Mr. Lislegard would like that to be increased to an 18". Administrator Halstensgard explained the permit policy as it related to culvert replacement. If there is to be a change in culvert size, Mr. Lislegard was informed that a permit application would need to be submitted. There were no comments on the ditch 16 issue.

Engineer Dalager continued with his presentation on the proposed improvement to the Ditch 8 system. It was stated that the installation of two 48" culverts for field access would not alter the function of the system; however the lowering of an existing 24" culvert to outlet water east to the West Intercept would require the landowner to follow the ditch improvement process. Lloyd Fugleberg stated his concern with overland flows and flooding in the spring. Tony Brateng addressed concerns with the installation of the two 48" culverts and areas in the system that have recurring inundation/drainage issues. There was discussion on the benefits of lowering the culvert to the Ditch 8 system and whether or not the ditch to the east would need additional cleaning. Engineer Dalager questioned whether the cleaning that has taken place should have been permitted. Steve Dahl taking steps to take the pressure off of the whole system. Michelle Makash asked about bank erosion issues at the outlet end of Ditch 8 and if the proposed action would make that worse.

Engineer Dalager's recommendation to the board was to table the culvert lowering issue until further investigation into the ditch cleaning and survey. Attorney Moren spoke about the legal requirement with a proposed action must be considered an improvement.

Manager Wensloff made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Manager Braaten. Motion Carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Braaten to approve permit number 15-09 (Greg Lislegard) for the installation of a 48" culvert for field access. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Wensloff stated he felt there is a real need to address the larger issues of inundation and drainage need to be addressed. A **motion** was made by Manager Diesen, seconded by Manager Braaten to approve permit number 15-__ (Douglas) for the installation of two 48" culvert for field access. Motion carried unanimously.

There was further discussion on the lowering of the 24" culvert, the ditch cleaning, and an outlet fee. A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff to deny the permit for the lowering of the culvert, seconded by Manager Diesen. The reason for the denial is as follows: the board has determined that the proposed work meets the criteria for the improvement petition process; therefore the work cannot be authorized by permit. Motion carried unanimously. The board will continue to work with landowners on the water management issues in the system. A landowner meeting will be scheduled for this winter.

Motion to adjourn was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Braaten. Meeting adjourned at 10:05