

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
ROSEAU LAKE REHABILITATION PROJECT
NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

ORDER: Chairman Wensloff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MANAGERS PRESENT: Tony Wensloff, Carter Diesen, LeRoy Carriere, Cody Schmalz and Jason Braaten.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Halstensgard and Technician McCormack

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Prachar, RRWMA Area Manager – MN DNR

CONSULTING STAFF PRESENT: Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering; Michelle Moren, Attorney.

Attorney Moren asked Administrator Halstensgard if they could establish that notice had been sent to affected landowners, municipalities and the District's official newspaper. Administrator Halstensgard stated that was correct. Engineer Dalager was then asked to give a presentation on the preliminary engineer's report.

Engineer Dalager introduced himself and stated that copies of the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project Preliminary Engineer's Report are available and continued on with the presentation.

The engineer's recommendation as stated in the Preliminary Engineer's Report is as follows: "The information presented within this Preliminary Engineer's Report has shown that there is a potential to improve the process of filling and storing water within the Roseau Lake Basin. However, based on the complexity of the project, no single alternative has been deemed the preferred alternative at this point in the project planning process. Therefore, HDR recommends that the Project Team continue meeting on a regular basis to further the development of the project. The project can continue development of the necessary permit applications and documentation to continue the momentum of the project." It was further attested to that the proposed project will be conducive to public health, promote the general welfare, and is in compliance with the Roseau River Watershed District management Plan and with the provisions of Chapters 103D of Minnesota Statutes.

After the presentation, Chairman Wensloff called for public comments. The public comments were as follows:

- Mitch Magnusson – stated that he understood those in the footprint would not be benefitted by the project and felt the District should spent the funds on projects upstream.
- Eddie Castle – asked about impacts to landowners to the east of the lake basin proper, west of Highway 310. Engineer Dalager discussed the effects of the various alternatives stating that the water may be a little higher water early in the flooding but the overall depth and duration should be decreased.
- Brian Rice – asked that the board consider the landowners to the north and northeast of the project. Also, is the board planning for increase precipitation and more drainage upstream.

- Mitch Magnusson – stated that the water on the south side of the river came from the south drainage, not the river.
- Ardell Magnusson – asked what was being done to improve the outlet.

Written comments entered into the record were as follows:

- Letter from Norman Kveen
- Letter from Kveen Family (Terry, Tim, Carol and Pat Beaumont)
- Comments from Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Joint Powers Agreement between the MN DNR and the District (unsigned at this time)

Chairman Wensloff asked if the Board had any questions or comments. Manager Schmalz asked who would be responsible for maintenance of the exterior drainage. Engineer Dalager stated that it could be a cooperative effort between the District and the DNR.

There being no further comments, Chairman Wensloff closed the public hearing.

There being no further action to be taken by the board, Chairman Wensloff adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Schmalz, Secretary

Tracy Halstengard, Administrator