

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF
MANAGERS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 2019**

ORDER: Chairman Jason Braaten called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Halstensgard and Technician McCormack

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Grafstrom, Rick Sikorski, Brian Ketring, Russ Walker, Jack Swanson, Ryan Murray, Daryle Dahl, Steve Lee, Roger Falk, Daryl Wicklund,

CONSULTING STAFF PRESENT: Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering

A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Carriere to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion item as number six. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Specialist McCormack began with an update of the current condition. The update included stream gage readings, photos and drone video of various project areas and ditch systems including Norland Impoundment and CD 18, Palmville project, Whitney Lake, and Roseau Lake area.

There was discussion on the best path forward for dewatering Norland Impoundment. There was strong opposition by downstream landowners to releasing water while the Ross gage was above 16'. Engineer Dalager stated that it would take approximately 8 weeks to draw the water down in the impoundment and there are risks of damage from freeze-up if there is still water being held later into the season. It was the feeling of the board that we should hold off until Ross has crested and begins to fall, then re-evaluate the situation. The group discussed the dewatering plan outlined in the Operation & Maintenance Plan for the project. Engineer Ketring stated his concerns that the out-letting of water has potential to freeze culverts and ditches downstream and recommended watching and monitoring to avoid that scenario. It was stated that the West Outlet may have to be used as the primary outlet so that higher flows could be maintained to reduce the risks of freeze-ups downstream.

The County also suggested that the District review and possibly change the non-operation mode for the SE Inlet to Norland so that during high water events it could take some pressure off the CD 18 system.

After a **motion** by Manager Wensloff and second by Manager Diesen, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Schmalz, Secretary



Tracy Halstensgard, Administrator