

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF  
MANAGERS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 21, 2019**

**ORDER:** Chairman Jason Braaten called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MANAGERS PRESENT:** LeRoy Carriere, Carter Diesen, Tony Wensloff and Jason Braaten. Cody Schmalz joined the meeting by phone.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** There were no others present.

**CONSULTING STAFF PRESENT:** Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering; Michelle Moren, Moren Law Office

A **motion** was made by Manager Carriere, seconded by Manager Diesen to approve the agenda. 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 various pumping activities during downstream flooding. The discussion included whether or not there are measurable impacts, the RRWD's role and responsibilities, and statutory authority. Attorney Moren stated that currently the District has no legal authority to require that pumping stations be turned off other than as written in the Rules for drain tile pumps. It was stated that the trigger stage needs to be adjusted due to the East Diversion being operable. Engineer Dalager stated that a discussion could be had with the Grafstrom family and the Stoskopf's about using the Norland exterior ditch as an outlet for their pumping activities.

Watershed Specialist McCormack updated the board on the condition of the Duxby Levee and Chris Beito (formerly Rosanne Lee) ring dike. Administrator Halstensgard stated that she has asked if there will be state or RRWMB funding available for ring dike upgrades. Dikes built prior to 2002 may no longer be adequate. At this time there doesn't appear to be any available funding, however after this flood event, some may become available if there is interest.

There was discussion on the need for additional stream gages. Installing a staff gage at County Road 28 bridge was discussed.

After a **motion** by Manager Diesen and second by Manager Wensloff, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Cody Schmalz, Secretary

  
Tracy Halstensgard, Administrator