

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF
MANAGERS MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2020**

ORDER: Chairman Jason Braaten called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Halstensgard

OTHERS PRESENT: County representatives Roger Falk, Darrell Wicklund, Daryle Dahl, Kristie Kjos, Oliver Ullman; Jadis Township representatives Beth Johnson, David Drown, Gregg Welin, Matt Magnusson; Landowners Mitch Magnusson, Terry Kveen (via phone).

CONSULTING STAFF PRESENT: Pat Nortz, engineer for Terry Kveen.

Administrator Halstensgard discussed the findings of the research completed by RRWD staff and consultants concerning the Mickelson Bridge issue. Matt Magnusson shared information on the cost share of the original construction from the 1930's. According to those records, Jadis Township and the County shared the cost of construction as well as maintenance costs sometime in the 1960's. The bridge is a connection between Jadis Township and Jadis Unorganized. Jadis Unorganized does not have a town board so responsibility shifts to Roseau County. This fact impacts funding formulas based on tax base. Roseau County Engineer Brian Ketring was attending the annual engineer's conference and would be obtaining information on potential costs of the project.

Mr. Drown asked about the County's process for bridge inspection which Mr. Dahl explained. Mr. Dahl also explained that they are mandated to report deficiencies to the State.

Mr. Welin asked about the process moving forward. There was discussion on the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project's impact on access to the "island." During the project planning, several options for the site have been discussed. The main goal of the project, for this site, is to install a weir in the cutoff channel to divert low-flows down the natural, historic river channel. This work however is still being discussed as part of the project development and not close to being designed or permitted. It was stated that there needs to be action taken soon as the landowner currently has no access to the island.

Mr. Welin asked what the cheapest, easiest option would be. Mr. Dahl explained that the Township would request the County to initiate a study. Once the study is complete, a recommendation would be presented to the Township board and they would make the decision to move forward to construction. They would likely use HDR Engineering since they already have the survey and hydraulics from the Roseau Lake project which would save money.

Commissioner Falk asked about design criteria. Mr. Dahl stated there were standard design criteria depending on if the design was for a box culvert or bridge.

Mitch Magnusson stated that Jadis may have concerns spending money on the bridge when the RRWD may be acquiring the property on the island as part of the project. It was stated several times that Mr. Kveen does not wish to sell the property or a flowage easement. Chairman Braaten explained that the RRWD is not currently in a position to state what the Board's position is concerning property acquisition or design specifics because the project development is not to the point where board members can make those decision.

Mr. Dahl again laid out the process to move forward. The Township would request the County initiate a study. The County Board has authorized this as part of their overall bridge plan so work could proceed

fairly quickly. By accessing state bridge funding, there would be a set cost split between Jadis Township and Jadis Unorganized. That amount has yet to be determined.

Matt Magnusson asked what the District would do with the bridge post project. Manager Wensloff and Chairman Braaten explained that moving forward, design work would take into consideration the improved condition of the bridge. State Ditch 51 would still be responsible for debris removal in the channel.

After a **motion** by Manager Wensloff and second by Manager Diesen, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Schmalz, Secretary



Tracy Halstengard, Administrator