

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF
MANAGERS MEETING HELD OCOTBER 7, 2020**

ORDER: Chairman Jason Braaten called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: In person: Watershed Specialist McCormack. and Administrator Halstensgard

OTHERS PRESENT: In person: Matt and Mitch Magnusson, landowners; Randy Prachar, MN DNR; Roger Falk, County Commissioner; LaVerne Voll, watershed appointee; Brent Haugen, landowner; Eric Dunham, landowner. Via WebEx: Chad Reese and Melanie Benit, Institute for Justice; Matt Fischer, MN BWSR; Keith Weston, Red River Retention Authority (RRRA); Debby Stone, Hunter O'Leary, Kurt Kveen, Terry Kveen and Tim Kveen, Landowner Coalition.

CONSULTING STAFF: In person: Michelle Moren, Attorney; Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering; Via WebEx: Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering.

AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Manager Diesen and seconded by Manager Wensloff to approve the agenda with the addition of permit applications. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: A **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Manager Carriere and seconded by Manager Wensloff. The motion carried unanimously. Adoption of the Consent Agenda included approving the September 2, 2020 minutes, the Treasurer's Report as amended, manager and employee expense vouchers.

PERMITS:

Specialist McCormack reviewed permit application #20-22, (Brent Haugen). After discussion, a **motion** was made by Manager Diesen to approve permit #20-22 for a 24" cmp with the condition that it be reduced to an 18" capacity until further downstream work can be completed. Manager Carriere seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed cost share for proposed water quality projects that utilize RRWMB funding. Matt Fischer spoke about BWSR Clean Water Funds (CWF) and SWCD available funding. There was continued discussion on funding projects that do not necessarily fall into a targeted area for CWFs. Landowners would apply to the SWCD for match and the District could provide additional funding through other sources. Staff will work with BWSR and draft a policy for these types of projects. A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Schmalz to authorizing providing funding for the nine proposed sites the the point that landowner costs are no more that 10% of the final cost per site. Motion carried unanimously.

Specialist McCormack reviewed permit application #20-23, (Douglas Erickson). A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff to approve permit #20-23 with the condition that the culver be installed with the recommended sizes. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Specialist McCormack reviewed permit application #20-24, (Douglas Erickson). A **motion** was made by Manager Schmalz to approve permit #20-24 for 54” culverts. Manager Diesen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Specialist McCormack reviewed permit application #20-25, (Douglas Erickson) reauthorization of permit #18-09. A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff to approve permit #20-25. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Specialist McCormack reviewed permit application #20-26, (Douglas Erickson) reauthorization of permit #18-20. A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff to approve permit #20-26. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Specialist McCormack reviewed permit applications #20-27 & #20-28, (Warren Olson & Roger Duncan) tile permit for operator Eric Dunham. A **motion** was made by Manager Schmalz to approve permits #20-27 & #20-28. Manager Diesen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Roseau Lake:

- Engineer Dalager gave a presentation on the project history, functionality, and current status.
- There was discussion on paths forward utilizing public land and possibilities upstream for retention.
- The board set the Work Session for 6:00 p.m. November 5th, 2020 at the Roseau City Center, pending the availability of the facility. The meeting will be noticed as a special meeting. No action will be taken by the board at that meeting.
- Hunter O’Leary asked if the board had decided on the alignment on the property owned by his uncle. It was stated that board would make that decision at a later date.
- Matt Magnusson asked if easements would still be required if the board decides to move forward with Alternative 1. It was stated that purpose of Alternative 2A’ was to define the southern boundary and a different alternative could be moved forward without requiring easements. Manager Wensloff stated that at the meeting on the 5th, if all parties are willing to work together, an agreeable compromise could be reached.
- Matt Magnusson asked if the westward drainage component was first talked about at the 2011 meeting. Administrator Halstensgard stated that the westward drainage component came about as a part of the post-2002 flood planning effort drafted by Engineer Omar Rood. Randy Prachar discussed the 2011 citizens advisory committee, the purpose of those meetings, and that the County Board appointed the citizen membership. Watershed and DNR staff did not vote on the questionnaires.

CD #16 Improvement:

- The District received concurrence with the wetland delineation report from the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Administrator Halstensgard has been in contact with the County, keeping them informed of the progress.

WD #4 – new drainage petition:

- A **motion** was made to adopt the Findings and Order by Manager Diesen, seconded by Manager Carriere. The conditions of the order were established at the September board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

River Restoration:

- A **motion** was made by Manager Wensloff and seconded by Manager Carriere to approve the RRWMB grant agreement and authorize Manager Braaten, as the RRWMB representative, to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Administrator Halstengard referred to her written update and discuss the need to schedule various upcoming meeting.

- The board requested the Warroad River Watershed District representatives attend the November board meeting to discuss the possibility of shared services they are prospecting.
- Meeting with the City, Golf Course Representatives, Houston Engineering, and Administrator Halstengard
- Shane Isane was installed as the ag representative to the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG). The FDRWG has been working on an addendum to the Mediation Agreement which will be brought to the RRWMB.
- WRAPS and TMDL has been published for public comment.
- MAWD Drainage training

Specialist:

- Norland Impoundment beaver control and gravel installation.
- Update on WD#3 survey
- Construction update on Duxby Levee
- Upcoming Lost River/Arpin area survey
- WD #4 wetland delineation
- River Restoration survey progress
- SD #51 construction completion
- Fall weed management & spraying

Red board: Chairman Braaten discussed the FDRWG’s request to expand membership to watersheds not a member of the RRWMB.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Fischer gave a presentation on the 1W1P process and what the District can do make an application for 2021 funding successful.

There was discussion on the WD#3 survey and inspection. Staff will reach out to landowners and schedule a meeting in early December.

OLD BUSINESS:

The District has received the final reimbursement for the retainage on the WRAPS funding. As stated earlier in the meeting, the WRAPS and TMDL are out for public comment.

A **motion** to adjourn was made at 11:20 a.m. by Manager Carriere and seconded by Manager Wensloff Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Schmalz, Secretary

Tracy Halstengard, Administrator