

MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING HELD ON
FEBRUARY 2, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Provance, at the Roseau County Court House in the Village of Roseau at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were William Provance, Gust Kveen, Melvin Larsen and Maynard Braaten. Others present were E. H. Nelson, R. A. Sauve and Chester Yon.

MINUTES of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report by William Provance was given on the convention which he attended at Alexandria, Minnesota. This was the first meeting of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. Most of the time was spent with the election of officers and the drafting of the by-laws and the constitution. Some time was spend in a discussion on the matter of Lake Pollution from sanitary systems as used by lake cottages and resorts. It is believed that this organization will become very beneficial in the days ahead in resolving problems which are common to most of the State.

Election of officers was held and the following were elected from the board to hold office:

Chairman: William Provance
Vice Chairman: Melvin Larson
Secretary: Gust Kveen
Treasurer: Maynard Braaten

Mr. Yon stated that it was necessary to ask the County Board to advance the total amount of the levy on project #WD-1 to pay the outstanding bills on this project and also to re-imburse the administration fund for monies advanced for this project. It was agreed that Mr. Yon and William Provance would meet with the county board the next day at their regular meeting.

It was also the decision of the board to have the Engineer Mr. Sauve complete the plans for project #WD-3 and then hold in abeyance until they receive more definite information regarding the Roseau River Flood control program.

Mr. Provance also stated that he had been in contact with Congressman Bergland. Mr. Bergland stated that the so-called big four had a meeting some time ago and were to have another in April. They then would meet with the International Joint commission to disclose their findings. Mr. Bergland intimated that the program looked favorable and he believed that the project had a good chance of going through.

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The following claims were approved upon motion by Gust Kveen and seconded by Maynard Braaten.

Sears Store - new filing cabinet & supplies	\$94.36 ✓
Stephen Excavating Co., balance of original contract	826.13 ✓
R. A. Sauve - plotting cross section, etc., Project No. WD-3	304.00 ✓
William Provance	110.00 ✓
Maynard Braaten - per diem (3) meetings including 10-4-71	36.00 ✓
Melvin Larson - per diem (3) meetings including 10-4-71	42.00 ✓
Gust Kveen - per diem (3) meetings including 10-4-71	31.20 ✓
Peggy Magnusson - 7½ hrs @ \$2.00 typing	15.00 ✓
E. H. Nelson - audits, annual & monthly reports etc. 76½ hours @ \$5.00	382.50 ✓
CPO for phone calls & postage	34.15 ✓

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Gust Kveen, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
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FEBRUARY 28, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Provance, and the following members were present: William Provance, Gust Kveen, Melvin Larson and Maynard Braaten. Also present was E. H. Nelson and Chester Yen.

A letter from Engineer Sauve was read regarding the use of Lateral #3 of Judicial Ditch 61 to dump outflow from the proposed sewage lagoon at Warroad, Minnesota. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was passed upon motion by Melvin Larson and seconded by Maynard Braaten.

WHEREAS, the Village of Warroad has filed a petition with the District Court of Roseau County, Minnesota, requesting the use of Lateral 3 of Judicial Ditch #61 as an outlet for its proposed sewage lagoon sewer system, and

WHEREAS, in order to use said lateral as an outlet for said sewage system, it would be necessary to improve and enlarge said lateral, and

WHEREAS, said lateral flows through a swampy area that would be drained as a result of the improvement of said lateral, and

WHEREAS, the lower end of Judicial Ditch No. 61 is, at the present time, receiving more water than it can adequately handle, and

WHEREAS, the improvement of said lateral and the drainage of said sewer lagoon into said lateral would deposit further water into an already overburdened system,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Roseau River Watershed District hereby opposes the granting of said Petition now on file with the District Court of Roseau County and urges the said District Court to deny said Petition and dismiss the same.

Dated this 29th day of February, 1972

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

By /s/ William N. Provance

William N. Provance
Chairman

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I, William N. Provance, Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Roseau River Watershed District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution passed by said Board of Managers of the Roseau River Watershed District on the 29th day of February, 1972.

/s/ William N. Provance
William N. Provance, Chairman

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gust Kveen, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
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MAY 22, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Provance, at the Roseau County Court House in the Village of Roseau at 8:00 p.m. Board members present were William Provance, Gust Kveen, Maynard Braaten, Elby Engstrom and Melvin Larson. Others present were R. A. Sauve and E. H. Nelson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A resolution from Moose township which contained the following message was read. Quote, @At the annual meeting town meeting of Moose township held on March 14, 1972, a motion was made and carried that a resolution be presented to the Watershed Board that the Moose Town board is in favor of the area drainage plan and that the Watershed Board should work towards getting it completed."

"Signed Moose Town Board
Melford Nelson
Herbert Wierschke
Clarence Haaland
Allen Mickelson, Clerk"

The contents of the above resolution was discussed at length and it was felt that the progress on this project was normal and not too much could be done to speed it up. It would have to follow the procedure course.

R. A. Sauve, Engineer on project No. WD-3, presented the plans and profile drawings. These showed the cuts to be made on the various laterals and such necessary engineering data necessary for their construction. He also presented a report on the Petition along with a map. This report showed the project to be sufficient and in conformity with the overall plan. It also contained the location of the proposed improvement, the location and adequacy of the outlet, the watershed of the projected area, the location of existing highways, bridges and culverts, all lands highways and utilities affected by the project, the names of the owners of the land over which this project is constructed. The estimated cost of the project shown in this report was \$69,984.00. The benefit to cost ratio was shown as follows: the benefits being approximately \$9.00 per acre and the cost at \$3.00 per acre. The cost ratio benefit would be 3:1.

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A report by Chairman Provance on a conference with Erling Weiberg, brought out the fact that there should be a possible change in the overall plan. The points discussed were a permit system for any type of ditching in the watershed area, including on the farm systems. Also that a change be made so that any lands brought into the benefit area of a ditch system through changes would be assessed accordingly. This matter was tabled for further discussion and study.

A date for a field trip to view project WD-3 first hand by some of the managers, was set for the following week with the exact date left open for their convenience. At this time any changes necessary would be recommended.

A motion was made by Maynard Braaten and seconded by Gust Kveen that the treasurer be instructed to repay the loan from Roseau County in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried. ✓

A report By Chairman Provance regarding the Roseau River Drainage program disclosed the following information: He spoke with Mr. Cox of the Army Corp of Engineers at St. Paul. Mr. Cox as member of the so called big four which met with the International Joint Commission some time ago, stated that he was quite confident that the project would go through. He stated that they were going ahead with their work schedule on the project as he felt it would receive favorable recommendation from the International Joint Commission. He also stated that it was possible that he would be in Roseau in the very near future.

The question of the Watershed District Association meeting to be held about a week before labor day, this would be around August 21st or so, was discussed. It was felt by some that the northern part of the state should have more representation on the board of directors. The matter of sending delegates was left open and will be decided at another meeting before the middle of August.

The following claims were approved upon motion by Gust Kveen and seconded by Elby Engstrom.

R. A. Sauve, Engineering	Project No. WD-3	\$704.00 ✓
Edwin Beroes, Survey	Project No. WD-3	456.00 ✓
Janet Rose, typing	Project No. WD-3	21.50 ✓
Clayton Beroes, Survey	Project No. WD-3	470.40 ✓
Selvin Erickson, Damage Award	-Project WD-1	19.00 ✓
Marcella Eklund, Damage Award	-Project WD-1	440.00 ✓
Maynard Braaten, damage Award	-Project WD-1	110.00 ✓
Roseau Printing Co.-office supplies		<u>8.32</u> ✓

Total claims paid \$2,229.22

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,


Gustav Kveen, Secretary

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JUNE 6, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Provance at the Roseau County Court House at 8:00 p.m. Board members present were William Provance, Melvin Larson, Maynard Braaten and Gust Kveen. Also present were R. A. Sauve and E. H. Nelson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A field trip was made previous to this meeting to view the proposed project Number WD-3. Discussions were held in the field relative to various culverts and also the sizes. Recommendations were made by Board members and noted by the Engineer Sauve.

The plans for project WD-3 which had been presented at the last meeting were again discussed, and the changes noted. A motion by Melvin Larson and seconded by Maynard Braaten was made and carried to submit the plans to the state department for approval. One complete set of plans and profile drawing was sent to the Director, and the other to the Water Resources Board.

A report was given by R. A. Sauve regarding a bridge at the George Wellen property. He stated that it would be necessary to install a larger pipe for a crossing at a cost of about \$38.00 per foot. This would bring the cost up another \$1,000.00 as a 30 foot culvert would be needed. This culvert should be included in the plan, but in the event this land was sold to someone who would have access by another route, this culvert would be eliminated

Upon motion by Maynard Braaten and seconded by Gust Kveen, the membership dues in the amount of \$92.50 to the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts was ordered paid.

A treasurers report which was prepared by E. H. Nelson was read and approved.

It was the general consensus of opinion that two voting delegates should attend the Annual meeting of the Association on August 28th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Gustav Kveen, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
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August 21, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Provance, at the REA building at 9:30 p.m. Board members present were William Provance, Melvin Larson, Gust Kveen, and Maynard Braaten. Also present were E. H. Nelson, Commissioner Manfred Helm, Selvin Erickson, Clifford Transrud and Representative Bob Bergland.

This was a special meeting called to meet and discuss the Roseau River Flood control project with our representative Bob Bergland. Before Mr. Bergland arrived, the Association meeting at Alexandria was discussed. It was the decision of the Board that Maynard Braaten, Melvin Larson and E. H. Nelson attend the meeting on the 28th.

When Mr. Bergland arrived, he was shown a letter from Mr. Bullard, the secretary for the U. S. Section of the International Joint Commission, which was in response to a letter written by E. H. Nelson. Mr. Nelson questioned the date of March 1975, which the letter stated would be the date when the report would be made. The reply from Mr. Bullard stated that new studies had to be made relative to questions which were related but not a part of the Roseau River flood control program. A copy of a two page letter to Mr. Bergland from E. H. Nelson was shown Mr. Bergland as he had not yet received it, being he was not in Washington. This letter brought out pertinent facts in Mr. Bullard's letter which we believe should be answered, such as: What are the related questions but not part of the Flood control Program. Also the question of the so called mitigating work to be performed in Canada. It was Mr. Nelson's opinion that the Canadian Government should be performing mitigating work on the Minnesota side to alleviate the flood conditions caused by the Canadians ditching their water across the border. Mr. Bergland was of the opinion that he should contact Mr. Blatnik and ask him to attend a meeting with Mr. Cox, at which time the board would also send representation. This it was felt could not be done until after the adjournment of Congress and after the election which would be sometime in November. Mr. Bergland expressed his concern over the matter, and assured us that he would give it number one priority.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Gustav Kveen, Secretary

Note;

All Board member per Diem payments include this meeting.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1972

The meeting was called to order by chairman William Provance, at the Roseau County Court House in the Basement meeting room at 3:00 p.m. Board members present were William Provance, Gustav Kveen, Melvin Larson, and executive secretary E. H. Nelson. Also present were the following: Colonel Rodney E. Cox, P. E. District engineer U. S. Army Corp St. Paul District; Roger G. Fast, Chief, engineer Division of the U. S. Army Engineer District, St. Paul; and William Slocum, P. E., Project Development Section Design Branch, U. S. Corp of Engineers, St. Paul, Mn. They are all located at the following address: U. S. Corp of Army Engineers, 1210 U. S. Post Office & Customs House, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101. Mr. Clifford Trangsrud, who is the newly appointed member of the Watershed Board, Harold Grothem of the S. C. S. Office, Erling Weiberg from the Water Resources Board at St. Paul, John Reese, Mayor of Roseau and Howard Degerness were also present. Congressman Robert Kinsmen was there also.

Mr. Provance called on Colonel Cox for a presentation of the status of the Roseau River Flood Control project. Mr. Cox opened with the statement that he felt as we do that something should be done with a project that has been in existence for 36 years. He also touched on the subject of the environmental impact which this project would have. This would no doubt have an effect on the local cost through the process of acquiring land and improving same so that no adverse condition would exist. It was pointed out by Mr. Cox that congress has appropriated \$148,000 for work on this project. He stated that no work could be started until an agreement is reached in Manitoba, Canada. Until they formulate their plans for the Canadian side the project is at a standstill. However, he pointed out that in order to expedite the matter, the International Joint Commission has appointed an Engineering Board to study and resolve this particular question. Mr. Cox is a member of this panel along with Eugene R. Gere, Director of the Division of Water, Soils, and Minerals, also Mr. Weaver and Walter Thompson, the latter is connected with the Federal Government in Canada, and Mr. Weaver with the Province of Manitoba. They are to meet again in October to further study the program. The project as proposed would increase the flow into Canada 550 C.F.S. which would bring the total to about 3250 C.F.S. He also brought out the fact that as far back as 1928 when the I.J.C. held hearings in this part of the country the four questions which are under study today by the Board of Engineers were not resolved at that time.

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Following are the four questions referred to above which the board of Engineers are to supply the answers to and submit to the IJC.

1. What has been the effect of drainage and other works to control the waters of the Roseau River and its ~~cont~~tributaries in the Province of Manitoba and the State of Minnesota on the flood flows of the Roseau River?
2. What coordinated plan or plans would provide effective use and control of the waters arising in or drained into any portion of the Roseau River basin in the State of Minnesota or the Province of Manitoba?
3. What would be the effect of implementing such plan or plans on the environment, on the flood flows in all reaches of the Roseau River, and on the flood flows in the Red River?
4. What protective works and/or measures will be required in each country to provide for changes in the flood flows of the Roseau River attributable to such coordinated plan or plans, what are the costs of such protective works and/or measures and on what basis should these costs be apportioned between the two countries?

He stated that they have completed their portion of the work needed to supply the answers to the questions, and that the Army Corp of Engineers could do nothing more until the Canadians decide what they are going to do. He stated also that the figure of \$713,000 would be the amount proposed for payment to Canada for damages which might occur on the Canadian side.

Following the presentation by Colonel Cox an informal discussion period was held. Some of the posed questions were: When do you think the Canadian Government will complete their study so that the program can go forward? Answer: this only the Canadians can answer. Question: You stated that the increased flow into Canada under the proposed project would be 550 C.F.S. making a total discharge of 3250 C.F.S. across the border. This would then place the present maximum discharge into Canada at 2700 C.F.S. The question on this matter was: When and by whom was the figure of 2700 C.F.S. discharge into Canada made or arrived at? Was this set up by a treaty or otherwise? Answer: No information has been available on this. Question: Do you feel this project has merits and that the people of the State of Minnesota are entitled to immediate action. Answer: The Army Corp of Engineers have always felt according to their findings that this was a worthwhile and necessary project and immediate priority should be given to it. Question: What is your next step as a member of the Engineering Board in order to expedite the project. Answer: Have another meeting with the Canadian Government officials and urge them to act on their portion of the project.

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Question: What at the present time is holding up the project when the amount of \$148,000 has already been appropriated by Congress, the Army Corp of Engineers have their plans more or less completed and we are continually told that the project is well on its way by our government? Answer: The next step is the completion by the Canadians of their study and findings relative to any damages caused on the Canadian side, and also complete a land classification study. Question: In all the years that the Army Corp of Engineers have been making a study on this project, has the Canadian Government shown any indication as to their feelings on the matter. Answer: I cannot speak for the past members of the Army Corp of Engineers, but I would assume they were give some encouragement or they would not have continued with the project as they did. At the present time I have every reason to believe that they are willing to negotiate a settlement.

Mr. Cox was given a briefing on the General Consensus of opinion shared by the majority of the people living in the vicinity of the area involved on the Minnesota side. It was stated that the mitigating circumstances referred to on the Canadian side, were just as relevant on the Minnesota side, due to the fact that a large portion of the water giving us trouble has its source in Canada. Why should the land owners on the Canadian side be allowed to do overland ditching, open new lands requiring new ditches which sends the water south into Roseau County. As the natural fall is to the South and Southwest, there is little the Canadians can do but run the water south as they are doing, but the feeling is that in view of these circumstances, they should be more than glad to cooperate with us. Another item of interest was brought up relative to the water supply for the Roseau River Wildlife Area north of the River and west of Pinecreek. At the time the three pools of water were constructed in this area an agreement was made with Canada that Pine Creek which crossed the border just east of Pinecreek and emptied into the old Roseau Lake bottom, be diverted in Canada about a mile east and a mile north of the black top road running from the customs into Piney. This was done with American money as we understand and the diversion runs west and then south into pool #1. Now that we are having a dry year and need water in the pools, we are experiencing a shortage of water, not only from the drouth but from the water being pumped out of Pine Creek on the Canadian side. It seems that again we have no jurisdiction or voice in any matter concerning the water question in which we are so vitally concerned.

In response to these statements of fact Colonel Cox intimated that he agreed our requests were more than reasonable and that he would do everything in his power to expedite the project and set 1973 as a goal in place of 1975.

Mr. William Provance, Chairman of the Roseau River Watershed District thanked Mr. Cox for attending our meeting and bringing us up to date on the Roseau River Flood Control project. He assured Mr. Cox that we were going to do everything possible to get this program underway, not only from the local level but also from the State and Federal level.

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The next order of business was the report from the executive secretary outlining the order of business which will have to be taken care of at the October 4, 1972, meeting.

The following bills were presented to the Board for approval:

Gustav Kveen - Per Diem & mileage	(5) meetings including 8/21/72	\$56.00 ✓
Elby Engstrom "	(1) meeting 5/22/72	20.00 ✓
Melvin L. Larson " "	" (5) meetings including 8/21/72	70.00 ✓
Wm. N. Provance " "	" (5) meetings including 8/21/72	50.00 ✓
Maynard Braaten "	" (5) meetings including 8/21/72	60.00
Peggy Magnusson - typing		<u>5.00</u>
	Total	\$261.00

A report from Erling Weiberg on Project WD-3 was given and he stated that the project had been approved with a few minor changes and should be in our hands in a few days.

The question of new regulations for the Board to consider was given some discussion and it was generally agreed that some new rules should be written into the Watershed's overall plan. Mr. Weiberg assured the Board that if they would set a date he would be glad to meet with them and give what assistance he would be capable of.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Gustav Kveen, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
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DECEMBER 7, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Provance at the Roseau County Court House at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were William Provance, Elby Engstrom, Melvin Larson, Clifford Trangsrud and Albert Lee. Also present were Chester Yen, R. A. Sauve and E. H. Nelson. Members of the advisory committee present were Harold Grothem, Vernon Erickson, Jimmy Arneson and Melford Nelson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. treasurer's report was read and approved.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. The results of the election were as follows:

Chairman - William Provance
Vice Chairman - Melvin Larson
Secretary - Clifford Trangsrud
Treasurer - Albert Lee

The Questionnaire sent out by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts was studied and upon motion by Clifford Trangsrud and seconded by Melvin Larson that Chairman William Provance and Elmer Nelson study the request and draft the necessary answers to the questions posed in the questionnaire. Motion carried.

The reports from the State Department regarding WD-3 project were read by William Provance and R. A. Sauve. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the changes requested by the department and also as to whether WD-3 project should be delayed until after the Roseau River Flood control project becomes a reality and co-ordinate the two. It was pointed out that according to the law governing the WD-3 project, it would be necessary to proceed and appoint the viewers and proceed with holding the hearing. This was the final decision of the board. Chairman Provance was given the names of several people as prospective viewers and they are: Sam Bergland, Jim Njaa, Ed Brandli, Carlos Grove, Delmar Hagen and Jay Estling. It was pointed out also that the sum of \$7,942.86 is the amount of maney already invested in project #WD-3.

The question of Ditch 8 south and west of the Village of Roseau was discussed and a motion by Clifford Trangsrud, seconded by Engstrom to spray the upper end to kill the brush was carried and will be done this coming summer.

Upon motion by Melvin Larson, seconded by Engstrom, following budget was adopted:

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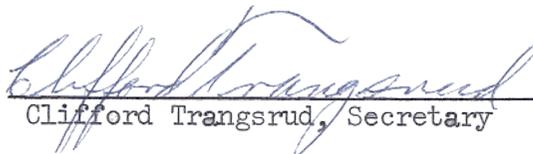
Board members per diem Adm.	\$ 750.00
Exec. Secretary audits and reports Adm.	750.00
Bond premium adm.	50.00
Office supplies adm.	100.00
Association Dues and Travel Adm.	250.00
Legal Services	500.00
Engineering	500.00
Contingency fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Budget	\$3,900.00

Upon motion by Engstrom seconded by Lee the following claims were approved and ordered paid.

R. A. Sauve - Revising plans on WD-3	\$274.00 ✓
Peggy Magnusson - typing	2.00 ✓
Elmer H. Nelson - Sec'y fees 283.75; stamps, phone, etc. 34.90	318.65 ✓
Roseau Printing Co. - office supplies	7.69 ✓
Chester Yon legal fees on project WD-1	\$ 825.00 ✓
Chester Yon -Professional services as adviser 2½ yrs	<u>1250.00</u> ✓
Total claims	\$2,677.34

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary