

**WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
11 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE EAST  
ADA MN 56510  
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**SPECIAL MEETING  
July 20, 2007  
Water Management District (WMD)**

**APPROVED**

1. A special meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday July 20, 2007, at the District office located at 11 Fifth Avenue East, Ada, MN. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Upper Reaches Project, Water Management District and permits. The following members were in attendance: Warren J. Seykora, Joe Spaeth, Bob Wright, Jim Wagner, Sr., Mike Christensen, Dave Vipond and Diane Ista. The following members were absent: None. In addition the following persons were in attendance: Administrator Steve Dalen, Secretary Loretta Johnson, Engineer Jerry Bents, Engineer Greg Thompson, Publicist Tim Halle, Mick Alm, Brian Borgen, Larry Houge, Warren Olson and Verna Grivno.

2. Chairman Seykora called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

3. Red River Valley Co-op, Section 11, Shelly Township. A motion was made by Manager Spaeth and seconded by Manager Wright to approve Permit Application #7-20-07-1 of the Red River Valley Co-op to bury high voltage power line for new service in Section 11 of Shelly Township with the following condition: "Channel cross-section to be restored to preproject condition upon completion (including any necessary reseeding) and the new power line to be located a minimum of 30 inches below the legal channel bottom elevation." Carried.

4. Administrator Dalen stated that the purpose of today's meeting is to determine board direction regarding the future of J.D. #51; Marsh River Survey; levee systems; Heitman Coulee and a possible Water Management District (WMD). Dalen stated that he would also suggest authorization from the Board of Managers for staff to work with the White Earth Tribe in gaining more information on sedimentation and water quality.

Engineer Bents and Engineer Greg Thompson gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Upper Reaches – Water Management District (a copy of which is on file in the District office). Discussion included the possibility of abandoning the old Upper Reaches Project and overlaying a new project or initiating a WMD. Engineer Thompson showed one process that could be used in establishing a WMD using the method of the breakdown of land contribution.

5. A motion was made by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Vipond to investigate the establishment of a WMD over the entire Watershed District, developing a mock draft, costs and timeline and to provide the Board for further consideration. Carried.

6. A motion was made by Manager Vipond and seconded by Manager Wagner authorizing staff to work with the White Earth Tribe, including setting up meetings regarding sedimentation and water quality. Carried.

7. Upper Reaches, J.D. #51. A motion was made by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Wagner authorizing staff to contact Attorney VonKorff for information regarding approximately \$60,000 for cross sections to J.D. #51 and the Marsh River to determine if these costs can be included in new project costs. Carried.

8. Levee Systems on Upper Reaches. A motion was made by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Wagner authorizing Engineer Bents to investigate and provide a conceptual design for the levee system in the area of the Heitman Coulee. Carried.

9. There being no further business to be brought before the Board of Managers a motion was made by Manager Spaeth and seconded by Manager Wagner to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Secretary, Diane Ista