

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT
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RECONVENED MEETING
December 20, 2006

APPROVED

1. The reconvened meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held on **Wednesday, December 20, 2006**. The following members were in attendance: Diane Ista, Jim Wagner, Sr., Bob Wright, Joe Spaeth, Jim Skaurud, David Vipond and Warren Seykora. In addition the following persons were in attendance: Engineer Jerry Bents, Administrator Dalen and Administrative Assistant Kari Kujava. Also attending the meeting were Royal Knutson and Brian Borgen.
2. Chairman Seykora called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Chairman Seykora also noted that the meeting is being voice recorded by Royal Knutson.
3. **USACE – WRRFS Update**
Engineer Bents gave an update on the sediment study. The COE has informed him of a March completion date and mentioned that the project is under budget.
4. Attorney Hanson talked to the board about the Data Practice Act and wanted to make sure that the office is following all necessary rules. He emphasized the fact that we provide the information requested in a “reasonable period of time” and Steve informed him that staff has been compliant. After looking at our Release of Information Form he noted that a couple things should be changed and will make the appropriate changes and get it back to office staff.
5. Motion was made by Manager Wright and seconded by Manager Spaeth to change the South Branch Project 9 Clean Out hearing date to January 11, 2007. Carried.
6. Motion was made by Manager Skaurud and seconded by Manager Vipond to close the meeting to discuss the legal strategy pending litigation with Gene Ueland. Carried.

Meeting closed.

7. Motion was made by Manager Wright and seconded by Manager Wagner to open the meeting. Carried.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

8. Ramstad Brothers had Vissers remove sediment build up from four separate locations on Upper Reaches and were requesting the District pick up the cost. After discussion, the board informed them that any sediment removal in Upper Reaches R-O-W is at the projects expense and anything out the R-O-W the landowner’s responsibility. Since the work was done out of the R-O-W they are responsible for the cost.
9. Ron Baker – Section 11 – McDonaldsville Twp - Requested that sediment be removed from Ditch 51. It was authorized at the November meeting to investigate the need for sediment removal a mile further than what was initially performed. Baker withdrew his request.

10. Ron Mickelson – Section 30 – McDonaldsville Twp – Requested an investigation on water that had overtopped and washed out the dike. Mike Burkley was notified and after looking at it agreed that it needed repair. Repair will be done spring of 2007.
11. Mike Roesch – Section 29 – McDonaldsville Twp – Requested a culvert be repaired and beaver issues be addressed at the river channel. Wagner will take care of the beavers and Vissers will be called to take care of the culvert repair.
12. Paul Larson – Section 27 – McDonaldsville Twp – Requested that river outlets be cleaned. After review by Mike Burkely, Paul was informed that the work will be done in the spring of 2007.
13. Clay Visser – Section 22 – McDonaldsville Twp – Reported that the river bank has washed out over the years. Engineer Bents asked for authorization to meet with Visser Excavating and with the use of LIDAR clarify what needs to be done. Motion made by Manager Ista and Seconded by Manager Wright to give Bents authorization to do so. Carried.

PERMITS

14. MN DOT – Section 16, 21 – Wild Rice Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Skaurud and seconded by Manager Vipond, Permit Application #11-8-06-12 of MN DOT to replace the bridge as designed was approved. During the discussion, Manager Ista reported to the board that she has received numerous phone calls regarding the amount of water that will be sent downstream after the bridge work is done. Therefore, Manager Ista made a motion to set a date for a meeting to inform the public of the permit. This will take place at the January board meeting. Manager Vipond seconded the motion. Carried. Manager Skaurud and Chairman Seykora opposed.
15. Terry Wastweet – Section 20 – Bear Park Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Spaeth, Permit Application #11-8-06-5 of Terry Wastweet to add a flow control to the existing culvert was tabled. Steve has contacted Mr. Wastweet and hasn't heard back. Motion by Manager Ista and Manager Spaeth to table the permit due to the lack of communication from landowner. Carried. Steve will continue to try and contact landowner. Carried.
16. Fossum Twp – Section 11 – Fossum Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Vipond, Permit Application #11-20-06-1 of Fossum Township to install a culvert was approved with the condition that an 18" culvert be installed. Carried.
17. Conrad Wiger – Section 29 – Ulen Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Skaurud and seconded by Manager Spaeth to send the permit back stating that a permit isn't required for ditch cleaning and if he wants to remove the dike he needs to contact the dike landowner and get permission. Carried.
18. Randy Green – Section 34 – Green Meadow Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Vipond and seconded by Manager Spaeth, Permit Application #12-20-06-2 of Randy Green to install a culvert was approved. Carried.
19. Circle E Farms – Section 8 – Walworth Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Vipond and seconded by Manager Spaeth, Permit Application #12-20-06-3 of Circle E Farms to clean out and remove a culvert and driveway was approved. Carried.
20. Circle E Farms – Section 14 – Walworth Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Vipond, Permit Application #1-10-07-5 of Circle E Farms to clean out a plugged culvert and to install a new crossing was approved. Carried.
21. Matt Jirava – Section 2 – Spring Creek Twp. Upon a motion made by Manager Skaurud and seconded by Manager Spaeth, Permit Application #9-20-06-4 of Matt Jirava install drain tile was approved with the condition that the landowner sign the permit in agreement if Mr. Jirava does not own the land. Carried.

22. Kevin Lee – Section 5 – Winchester Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Skaurud and seconded by Manager Wright, Permit Application #12-20-06-5 of Kevin Lee was approved with the condition that the pipe is no lower than the pipe to the west through County Road 138. Carried.
23. Joe Prosby III– Section 15 –Flowing Twp. Upon a motion by Manager Vipond and seconded by Manager Spaeth, Permit Application #1-10-07-3 of Joe Prosby to install tile was tabled due to the need for a field review. Carried.
24. Engineer Bents informed the board that Geray Dozing has requested an additional \$50,000 for hauling clay on the Green Meadow project. Bents replied with a letter to Geray Dozing stating that the quality of clay was included in the original plans for the project. Geray had the opportunity at the pre-construction meeting to address this issue and to clarify the work proposed but failed to do so. Bents recommended that no additional money be paid at this time regarding this issue. Final payment will be made in the spring after seeding is complete.
25. Pazdernik/Lavoi Violation
Motion made by Manager Vipond and seconded by Manager Spaeth to authorize staff to meet with both parties at the site and try to resolve. Carried.
26. Leon Johnson – Section 24 – Pleasant View Twp. Recommended by Engineer Bents to not pursue issue as a violation but instead have shots taken to determine how high the material is. Leon is okay with the amount of material now but is concerned about the accumulation of more. Motion by Manager Skaurud to take shots and keep an eye on the material in the ditch way. Seconded by Manager Vipond. Carried.
27. Board direction to be discussed at the January meeting.
28. The Norman County Commissioners Steve Jacobson and Warren Olson requested to meet with Manager Skaurud, Chairman Seykora and Steve regarding main stem storage and Project 42. Jim Skaurud suggested that the Watershed send out a letter to the agencies regarding why main stem storage vs. farmland storage so they can inform their clients. Clarify who the rules i.e. DNR, BWSR etc come from and that it's not always the Watershed that sets the regulations. More discussion to take place at the January meeting.
29. The board authorized that the money previously given to the Clay County SWCD for the Wang Project be given to Mahnomen County to assist in the project at Pinehurst Resort. Motion made by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Skaurud. Carried.
30. Annual MAWD meeting report was given by Manager Ista, Manager Skaurud and Manager Wright. All managers agreed that the conference was very informative.
31. 24th Annual Red River Land and Water International Conference to be held January 23-25 at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo. All managers encouraged to attend.
32. Authorization given to all managers to attend the legislative briefing to be held on January 16 in St. Paul. Motion made by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager Wright. Carried.
33. Motion made by Manager Skaurud and seconded by Manager Vipond to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Diane, Ista, Secretary