

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING

Administration and Red River Basin Commission

July 12, 2010

Approved Minutes

1. A Special Meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held on Monday July 12, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the resignation of Administrator Wollin and the presentation of the Red River Basin Commission. Managers in attendance include Diane Ista, Duane Erickson, Mike Christensen, Raymond Hanson and Greg Holmvik. Absent: John Austinson and Dean Spaeth. In addition the following persons were in attendance: Administrator Wollin, Assistant Administrator Loretta Johnson, Attorney Elroy Hanson, Bob Wright, Norman County Commissioner Steve Jacobson, Terry Guttormson, Mick Alm, Ron Gotteberg and Charlie Anderson and Lance Yohe. Chairman Holmvik called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Attorney Hanson left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
2. Wild Rice River Feasibility Study. A copy of the monthly status report for the COE FS from Nan Bischoff, Project Manager, was distributed for Managers information.
3. Norman County Highway #147/Project #30. Mick Alm met with Managers to discuss the road washout on Norman County Highway #147, which is adjacent to Project #30. Alm stated that he had the slide repaired and would bring the billing to the Watershed District to determine if they would cost share on it as it is along a ditch system of the District's. Policy regarding damages to roads along ditch systems was discussed. Attorney Hanson agreed to do some research on the background of the project and determine if the law or policy should or will determine who is responsible for the costs associated with damages to roads that are adjacent to ditch systems and bring the information to the August meeting.
4. Upper Reaches, J.D. #51. Administrator Tom Wollin reported that Engineer Bents stated he would be here on Wednesday the 14th and have additional information regarding the repair to the ice control structure on J.D. #51.
5. Wild Rice Modeling Related to the Main Stem – Presentation by the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC). Lance Yohe and Charlie Anderson gave a presentation on a plan for long term flood solutions in the entire basin north through Minnesota, North Dakota and southern Manitoba to Lake Winnipeg. Hard copies of the Power Point presentation are available at the District office. At the conclusion of the presentation Yohe stated that they are requesting that the District support the Basin Commission by agreeing to provide locations within the District where water could be stored, the acre feet of storage the storage would remove from the hydrograph and the volume of flow reduction. He stated that these could be identified from past records and sites that have been looked at. The long term overall goal is to reduce the flooding on the Red River by 20% along the entire length of the Red River Mainstem. Within the Wild Rice Watershed District the long term goal of the gaged tributary at Hendrum on the Wild Rice a 35% peak flow reduction; 3610 cfs peak flow reduction; 20% volume reduction; and 74,385 acre/feet of volume reduction and Shelly on the Marsh a peak flow reduction of 51%; 2100 cfs of peak flow reduction; 18% volume reduction; 15,247 volume reduction.

Yohe stated that he has \$10,000 50/50 cost share funding for each watershed district to use for the gathering and providing this information and indicated that the engineering firm the District uses would probably be the best place to assist in acquiring the information. Yohe stated that with this information from each Watershed District, it will be provided to Engineer Charlie Anderson to enter into a model which can be provided to legislators this upcoming session, with long term flood control for the Red River Valley, for possible future funding. Manager Hanson stated that he is opposed to spending any money for this and felt that the information had been provided to the Basin Commission in the seven year old Watershed District Plan in it was the responsibility of the RRBC to glean the information from that document. Manager Holmvik asked if in-kind services could be included to which Yohe said he would approve that. A **motion** was made by Manager Ista and **seconded** by Manager Christensen to approve the request for modeling for flood control data and locations, to meet the requirements of the request by the Basin Commission. **Carried with Managers Hanson and Erickson opposed.**

6. **Administrator Position.** A **motion** was made by Manager Christensen and **seconded** by Manager Hanson to postpone Administrator discussion until the 14th of July regular meeting. **Carried.**

7. There being no further business to come before the Board of Managers a **motion** was made by Manager Christensen and **seconded** by Manager Erickson to adjourn the meeting. **Carried.** Chairman Holmvik adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

John Austinson, Secretary