

**WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 4, 2024**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

1. A special meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held on Monday, March 4, 2024. Managers in attendance included: Greg Holmvik, Duane Erickson, Curt Johannsen, and Raymond Hanson. In addition, the following people were in attendance: Administrator Tara Jensen, Engineer Jerry Bents (via electronic means), Steve Jacobson and Attorney Elroy Hanson. Managers Mark Harless, Dean Spaeth and Mike Christensen were absent.
2. Chairman Holmvik called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with recital of the pledge of allegiance.
3. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by Manager Johannsen and seconded by Manager Hanson to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.
4. Perley Negotiations. Administrator Jensen stated that negotiations with Perley Cenex were settled, and the paperwork has been signed.

Engineer Bents reported that there is an application process and fee to do work on the property owned by the Railroad. The total cost is \$4,670.00 which includes the application fee of \$4,500.00 plus a processing fee of \$170.00. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Johannsen to authorize staff to pay up to \$4,670.00 for the application fee. Carried.

Administrator Jensen reported that she has been negotiating with Mr. Cemensky regarding permanent acquisition of his 1.687-acre parcel. An agreement has been reached on the temporary construction easement for his 2.424-acre parcel. Administrator Jensen offered Mr. Cemensky the Board-approved amount of \$18,219.60. His previous offer was \$23,618.00, due to him paying higher taxes on that parcel compared to the adjacent property. Further discussion was held between Jensen and Cemensky. He presented an updated counteroffer of \$21,118.00. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Holmvik to approve the amount of \$21,118.00. Carried.

5. March Meeting Date. Administrator Jensen received a request to discuss moving or cancelling the March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting since 3 Managers are unable to attend. At this time, we would still have a quorum. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Manager Johannsen and seconded by Manager Hanson to hold the March meeting as scheduled on March 13, 2024. Manager Erickson stated that he is not able to attend the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Further discussion was held. Manager Johannsen rescinded his motion since we would not have a quorum. A motion was made by Manager Johannsen and seconded by Manager Hanson to have the meeting on March 18, 2024. Manager Erickson opposed. Carried.
6. Monthly Bills. No need to discuss as the March meeting date has been rescheduled instead of cancelled.
7. There being no further business to come before the Board of Managers, a motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Johannsen to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Chairman Holmvik adjourned the meeting at 10:19 am.

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Curt Johannsen, Secretary