

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING
PERMITS, TAX LEVIES, ETC.
March 30, 2011
APPROVED MINUTES

1. A Special Meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District was held on Wednesday March 30, 2011, at the office of the District located at 11 Fifth Avenue East, Ada, MN. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss taxable levies, Moccasin Creek O & M, Tile policy, Permits, WRWD land owned by the District and the 2009 Annual Report. The following members were in attendance: Dean Spaeth, John Austinson, Duane Erickson, Greg Holmvik, Raymond Hanson, Mike Christensen and Diane Ista. Managers absent: None. In addition the following persons were in attendance: Administrator Ruud, Engineer Jerry Bents, Loretta Johnson, Attorney Hanson and landowners and interested persons. Chairman Holmvik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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2. Robert Brandt, Sections 13-14, Lake Ida Township. A **motion** was made by Manager Austinson and **seconded** by Manager Hanson to approve Permit Application #3-30-11-1, to clean snow from ditch bottom prior to the spring flooding. Costs will be assessed to the ditch system. **Carried.**
3. Mn/DOT, Highway Resurface. Manager Erickson asked that the board reconsider the motion made at the March 9, 2011, meeting to approve the permit application of MN DOT, which allowed the height of the highway to remain the same elevation as it currently is by the Mark Harless farm. Erickson wanted to change the motion and allow the elevation of the highway to be raised two inches. Erickson stated that the District could assist Harless with a ring dike enhancement around his farm. Attorney Hanson stated that procedurally a motion would have to be made and seconded and pass by a two thirds majority, and notice would need to be given to MNDOT for the change and allow them to be at the meeting. Manager Hanson felt that if MN DOT were unhappy they had the opportunity to contact the District, which they did not do.
4. Taxable Levies. Manager Erickson distributed to Managers and attendees financial information regarding the taxable levies that he wanted the public to know about and discuss at the April regular meeting.
5. Moccasin Creek O & M Plan. Manager Erickson distributed a draft Five Year O & M Plan that he proposed the District adopt. Manager Holmvik asked Erickson if he was proposing to bring this to the Project Team for approval. A **motion** was made by Manager Erickson to adopt the five year plan that he presented. Attorney Hanson asked if the District has the authority to unilaterally adopt this plan. Engineer Bents stated that it would violate our permit and Hanson then cautioned the board in doing something like this. Chairman Holmvik called three times for a second to the motion, with **no second, motion failed.** Manager Erickson made a **motion** that the proposal be presented to the Project Team and indicated that he didn't want Houston Engineering disbursing funds for this. Manager Austinson

seconded the motion. **Carried with Manager Ista opposed.** A **motion** was made by Manager Ista authorizing Engineer Bents to put together a presentation on this for the Project Team. Chairman Holmvik called three times for a second to the motion, with **no second, the motion failed.**

6. Tile Policy. Administrator Ruud discussed correspondence received from Mick Alm, Norman County Highway Engineer, regarding the District's tiling policy. Mick Alm, who was present gave some ideas of what he wanted. Alm stated that he thought the Board should make sure that the outlet is adequate to take the water. Administrator Ruud asked Alm if any of the District's approved tiling permits drained into Norman County Ditch roads and Alm stated no. Manager Hanson felt the District should continue doing what they are, but with putting the requisites together into policy form. After considerable discussion the consensus of Managers was to put this on the April agenda.

7. Flood Damage Reduction Goals. Administrator Ruud questioned Managers if they have flood damage reduction goals. Manager Erickson suggested the Board return to working on the Borup off channel site that was considered several years ago. He also talked about doing more research and work in the two foot bounce factor and stated that Governor Dayton and DNR Commissioner Landwehr were talking about this issue being used on State Land.

8. WRWD Owned Land Options. Administrator Ruud discussed the fact that State Officials have notified the District office that the law does not allow for income from bonding fund grants. The District has been renting out land purchased with bonding funds. Ruud stated that Kent Lokkesmoe, DNR, will notify the office when they determine what course of action to take. Administrator Ruud distributed a list of Watershed District small parcels that have been acquired as a result of the rural acquisition program and asked board members if they thought it would be feasible to have Mark Aanenson, H.E. check into the possibility of establishing wetlands for wetland banking on these properties. A **motion** was made by Manager Ista and **seconded** by Manager Erickson authorizing staff and consultants to work on the wetlands issues and the possibility of leasing or donating any of the properties. **Carried**.

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9. Lynn Johnson, Section 28, Pleasant View Township. A **motion** was made by Manager Erickson and **seconded** by Manager Austinson to approve Permit Application #3-30-11-2 to install drain tile with the following conditions. It is recommended that the applicant contact and coordinate with the NRCS/SWCD/FSA offices to ensure approval/clearance regarding any potential wetland issues and recommended that the applicant obtain approval from the necessary road authorities (township, county, state...) for work in the road R/W and the drainage authorities. **Carried with Manager Christensen opposed**.

10. Annual Report 2009. Consensus of Managers was to accept the draft annual report presented by Marijo Vik for printing with the removal of private contact numbers and addresses.

11. There being no further business to come before the Board of Managers a **motion** was made by Manager Erickson and **seconded** by Manager Hanson to adjourn the meeting. **Carried**. Chairman Holmvik adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.



Secretary John Austinson