

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING

January 5, 2010

ERTELT UPDATE & ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSAL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

1. A Special Meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at the office of the District located at 11 Fifth Avenue East, Ada, MN. The purpose of the meeting was for an update by Dennis Ertelt on land negotiations for Upper Becker and the prospective administrator proposal. The following Managers were in attendance: Dean Spaeth, Mike Christensen, Greg Holmvik, Duane Erickson, John Austinson, Joe Spaeth and Diane Ista. Absent: None. Also in attendance were Interim Administrator Loretta Johnson, Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator Kari Kujava, Engineer Jerry Bents, Consultant Dennis Ertelt and James and Margaret Jirava, landowners on Upper Becker. Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Negotiator Report Dated January 5, 2010. Dennis Ertelt presented the following Negotiator Report.

- William Boutwell: Agreed to accept easement at appraised value
- Jodi Lunde: Agreed to accept easement for \$250
- Greg Cukla: Agreed to accept easement for appraised value
- Lloyd Jirava: Agreed to accept easement for \$1,400
- Lowell Anderson: Is considering a trade
- Robert Hastings: Is considering a trade
- Donald Hastings: Is considering a trade
- Gerald Jirava: Is considering a trade
- Eric Zurn: Is considering a trade. Wants a confidentiality agreement between negotiator and himself
- Nicholas Zurn: Is considering a trade
- Richard Safar: Undecided
- Ronald Safar: Undecided
- Jane Foltz: Undecided
- Duane Stalberger: Undecided
- Mark Stalberger: Undecided
- James Jirava: Undecided
- Loren Jetvig: Wants to sell entire parcel
- Mattson Farms: Will not sign easement

3. Considerable discussion was held by Managers, Ertelt and Jiravas. Managers also discussed the consideration given to land within the WRP program and how that should be addressed. James Jiravas requested that the District exercise the option agreement that the District holds with Jiravas at the rates included in the agreement. The parcels total of 396.09 acres and the option expires on March 15, 2010. A motion was made by Manager D Spaeth and seconded by Manager Holmvik authorizing an appraisal to be done on the Jirava property by RM Hoefs and to be completed on or before March 15, 2010. Carried. A motion was made by Manager Ista and seconded by Manager J Spaeth authorizing approval of the easement on the Lloyd Jirava property in the amount of \$1,400. Carried.

4. Terms of Future Options for the Upper Becker Project. A motion was made by Manager Ista authorizing acquisitions under \$2,000 to be paid in full; options on acquisitions costing between \$2,000 to \$50,000 be paid \$2,000 and options above \$50,000 be paid \$5,000. The time frame of option is to be a minimum of June 1, 2011. Carried.

5. Ertelt and Jiravas left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

6. Administrative Proposal. Managers discussed the administrative proposal submitted by Steve Odegard. A motion was made by Manager Holmvik and seconded by Manager Austinson to accept the proposal as submitted. Carried with Managers J Spaeth and Erickson opposed. Administrator to begin work as of February 1, 2010, if possible.

7. State Auditor Letter of Engagement. A motion was made by Manager Holmvik and seconded by Manager Erickson to accept the Letter of Engagement presented by the Minnesota State Auditors. Carried.

8. There being no further business to come before the Board of Managers, a motion was made by Manager J Spaeth and seconded by Manager Erickson to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

John Austinson, Secretary