

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT

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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

A Public Informational Meeting regarding The South Branch of the Wild Rice River Storage Evaluation was held at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2005 at the VFW in Ulen, Minnesota.

Managers present: Joe Spaeth, Warren Seykora, Jim Skaurud, Bob Wright, Diane Ista, Engineer Jerry Bents and recording secretary Loretta Johnson.

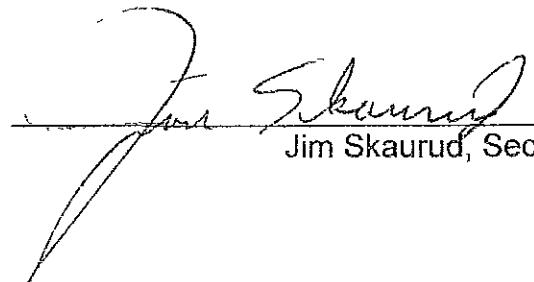
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and introductions were made.

Warren gave a background of the ongoing Wild Rice Feasibility Study. There have been two (2) informational meetings held one in Felton and another 1 year ago in Ulen. The Board has asked the public to identify land that could be considered future potential storage sites up and down the ridge.

Jerry Bents (HE) gave a Power Point presentation on the project (a hard copy of the presentation is filed at the District office). Upon conclusion of the presentation the meeting was opened up for questions and comments from the public. Questions asked were on the following subject matter:

- Flow reductions and time calculations.
- What would the land be used for when the pool was not flooded?
- Who determines the impact on the wetlands?
- What happens to the tax base?
- How do we go forward from here?

After all questions were addressed the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Jim Skaurud, Secretary

Ulen Mtg Room
Sign In

7-20-05

Informational Meeting

Name

1. Brent Kappes
2. Alan Christensen
3. Al Butler
4. Alton Butler
5. Curt Jacobson
6. Sam Larson
7. Bruce Tiurn
8. MARK HARLESS
9. Steve Jacobson
10. Ralph Evanson
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**Watershed Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 28th, 2005 at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office in Ada, MN**

In attendance : Mark Harless, Sam Larson, Perry Ellingson, Steven Jacobson, Kenneth Holum, Jerome Slette, Jerry Dahl, Charlie Pazdernik, Dwight Fevig, Mark Aanenson, Marjorie Fabre, and David Haugo. In addition the following board members were also present, Warren Seykora, Joe Spaeth, and Diane Ista.

Chairman Mark Harless opened the meeting at 8:30 am.

No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

Motion by Steve Jacobson to approve the agenda, 2nd by Perry Ellengson. All in favor.

Introductions were made for the committee members.

The January 17, 2005 minutes were reviewed, motion by David Haugo to approve the January 17 minutes, 2nd by Ken Holum, all in favor.

Old Business.

Discussion on the status of the administrator position. Mark Aanenson gave a summary of the hiring process for the administrator position. Discussion continued on the District's by-laws and the need for a performance audit.

Discussion continued on the representation of the board of managers. David Haugo discussed the under representation of Mahnomen County on the District Board. Jerry Dahl indicated that Mahnomen County represents approximately 25% of the Watershed District in land area, funds contributed, and population. He also indicated that Mahnomen County is currently pursuing a request to the BWSR Board for a review of the makup of the Board of Managers. They are essentially asking for additional representation on the Watershed District Board.

Motion by David Haugo to ask the BWSR Board, the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Manager, with input from the advistory committee to review the membership of the Districts Board of Managers to better represent the population and resource needs of the District. 2nd by Ken Holum, All in favor.

Discussion regarding the rotation of officers for the Board of Managers. Mark Harless indicated that he thought it was necessary to rotate the officers and have this in the Districts by-laws. Aanenson indicated that based on his experience working with boards that it is not a good idea to force the rotation of officers because they can choose officers as they see fit. Also some board members may have expertise or interest that allows them to be very effective in some areas and not in others. (Such as the chair or treasurer).

David Haugo indicated that he agreed that it was not a good idea because sometimes some board members are not comfortable acting as the chair and it is better not to force them to, as it can be problematic. Joe Spaeth indicated that when you choose a chair he takes into consideration if the person may have the time to attend all the functions necessary for the job. Some board members may not have the time due to work schedules.

Motion by Sam Larson to recommend that the board of Managers rotate officers. 2nd by Perry Ellingson. In Favor Harless, Ellingson, Larson, Jacobson, Dahl, Pazdernik, and Fabre. Oposed Haugo, Holum, Slette, and Fevig.

Warren Seykora gave a brief update on the survey work being completed at Home Lake.

Discussion on flood modeling at the Heiberg Dam for the 2002 event.

Discussion on spraying and mowing activities. David Haugo discussed the continuing problem of Canada thistle around the District.

Diane Ista gave the group a report on the construction of the Lazarus Creek Dam near Canby, MN. The Dam has a height of 67 feet.

Perry Ellingson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by David Haugo, All in favor.

A project tour followed the meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD

7-28-05

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Malwonen County Comm.

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