

WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING

May 22, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

1. A special meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held on Wednesday May 22, 2013. Managers in attendance included Greg Holmvik, Curt Johannsen, Mike Christensen, John Austinson, Raymond Hanson and Dean Spaeth. Absent: Duane Erickson. In addition the following persons were in attendance: Administrator Kevin Ruud, Loretta Johnson, Engineer Jerry Bents, Attorney Hanson and various other interested taxpayers and landowners.

2. Chairman Holmvik called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

3. Duane Erickson arrived at 8:45 a.m.

4. 8:30 a.m. Appeal of Richard Oberg Tiling Permit #4-10-13-10, Section 35, Pleasant View Twp. Chuck Gunnerson, Dale Sip, David Narum and Joe Kroshus appealed the decision by the Board to approve the permit. Copies of a letter submitted by Gunnerson were distributed to the Board for review along with a packet of background information prepared by Engineer Bents. Over the past months, Oberg has submitted three different proposals in an effort to find an agreeable solution in his effort to tile 360 acres in Section 35 of Pleasant View Twp. The original application was to drain all of the property west; however landowners who were noticed felt that most of the areas should drain north. Upon the second submittal to drain north, landowners within Project #30 opposed the permit due to a portion not being assessed into Project #30. The third proposal was to drain a portion north and the other portion west. Landowners west of the tiling proposal have now appealed the Board's decision to approve that permit based on the fact that they stated they were not noticed of the meeting when action by the board was taken. These landowners discussed their reasons for not wanting the tiling to drain west at this time. Sip raised concerns regarding a home site being affected, Chuck Gunnerson had concerns regarding the drainage going by his home and Joe Kroshus and David Narum also had issues with what they felt was additional water. A motion was made by Manager Spaeth and seconded by Manager Johannsen to now deny without prejudice Permit #4-10-13-10 of Richard Oberg based on the understanding that a notice was not sent out and in light of the current comments of landowners in attendance. Discussion followed. Staff will contact Chris Lau (applicant for Oberg) to inform him of the outcome of the hearing and let him know that we will be providing him a letter explaining the details of the hearing and permit denial. Staff will offer to coordinate a meeting between the applicant and downstream concerned property owners to assist in developing an acceptable plan. Manager Spaeth called for a vote. Motion passed with Managers Erickson and Hanson opposed. Carried.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

5. Cliff Fraser, Section 4, Lake Grove Twp. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Christensen to table Permit #5-22-13-1 to construct wetland restorations and creations and notice the adjacent property owners in Section 4, Lake Grove Twp. and the SE ¼ of Section 32, Rosedale Twp. and the South ½, Section 33, Rosedale Twp. and the North ½, Section 9, Lake Grove Twp. Carried.

6. Lee Charles, Sections 2, 9, 10, Strand Twp. A motion was made by Spaeth and seconded by Manager Erickson to deny the permit. Both rescinded the motion and second. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Erickson to table Permit #5-22-13-2 to construct wetland restorations and creations and give neighboring landowners and the applicant the opportunity to work out their differences. Carried.

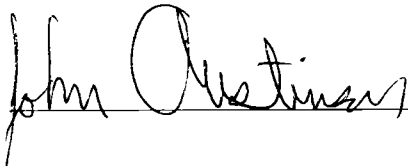
7. Committee Assignment Clarification. Chairman Holmvik stated that there had been some question regarding the motion at the May 8, 2013, regular meeting regarding who was appointed to be on the personnel committee. A motion was made by Manager Johannsen and seconded by Manager Austinson to ratify and confirm the appointment of Manager Hanson to replace Manager Erickson on the Personnel Committee. Carried.

8. Manager Overpayment on May 8, Per Diem. Administrator Ruud reported that an error was found on one of the Manager Per Diem payments and for the purpose of correction and providing documentation for the auditors was requesting an additional motion. A motion was made by Manager Spaeth and seconded by Manager Hanson approving a check in the amount of \$196.95 to Manager Erickson for correction of the overpayment. Carried.

9. Building Repair Update. Administrator Ruud stated that after looking at the existing roof on the District office, he requested a proposal from Martin Warnsholz, Timberlake Builders, Inc. for changing the existing roof to a sloped roof and removing gable ends on the south end of the building. The purpose is to eliminate the current water damage and future damages that come as a result of the gable ends. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Erickson to approve the proposal #4034 in the amount of \$16,400 submitted by Timberlake Builders, Inc. to remove gable ends on the south side of the building and replace with a normal slope roof. Carried.

10. Bill Payments Between Meetings. A motion was made by Manager Christensen and seconded by Manager Hanson to approve payment of the following bills as presented: Loretta Johnson, \$207.24; Cardmember Services, \$209.35. Carried.

11. 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.



John Austinson, Secretary