WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT

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January 30, 2012 Special Meeting APPROVED MINUTES

- 1. A Special meeting of the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers was held on Monday, January 30, 2011. Managers in attendance included Greg Holmvik, Duane Erickson, Raymond Hanson, John Austinson, Mike Christensen and Dean Spaeth. Absent: Curt Johannsen. 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. <u>Credit Card for Administrator</u>. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Spaeth authorizing Administrator Ruud's name being added onto the District's credit card. Carried.
- 3. Permit Fees and Procedures. A motion was made by Manager Hanson for the District to begin charging a fee of \$50 for viewing permit applications. Chairman Holmvik called for a second three times. The motion failed for lack of a second. Manager Erickson brought up some proposed changes. Consensus of the Managers was to continue to act on permit applications in the same manner as they have in the past and take each permit on an individual basis with no policy change. A motion was made by Manager Erickson for the District to not require a tiling permit when the drainage area is in its own watershed and the landowner has notified downstream landowners for a distance of two mile, and laying only one tile line on each side of the ditch. Manager Christensen seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Chairman Holmvik called for a vote and Manager Erickson voted for and the balance of Managers against. Motion failed for lack of a majority.
- 4. <u>Benefit Cost</u>. Manager Hanson discussed possible changes to the District's policy, which he stated came out of a meeting with the Mahnomen County Board regarding building projects. No action taken.
- 5. Project & Ditch Maintenance/Procedures. Administrator Ruud reported that recent changes in the law require the District to inspect its projects and ditches on an annual basis and report such to BWSR. A motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Austinson authorizing Houston Engineering to provide these services. Carried. Manager Hanson reported on a meeting he attended in which it was reported that another watershed district was doing Redetermination of Benefits on all of its projects and ditches over a period of time. A motion was made by Manager Hanson authorizing Administrator Ruud to contact that District and obtain possible costs and methods regarding their redeterminations. Manager Christensen seconded the motion. Carried.
- 6. <u>Project & Ditch Claim</u>. Administrator Ruud reported that he hasn't received any notification regarding the insurance claim by Tom Bergren, except that the District's agent stated he would be submitting it to the general policy, not the Managers liability due to a \$10,000 deductible which has been caused by the number of claims the District has submitted.
- 7. There being no further business to come before the Board of Managers a motion was made by Manager Hanson and seconded by Manager Austinson to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Chairman Holmvik adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

John Austinson, Secretary