

MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS SPEICAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Chairman Carriere called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The purpose before the board is the Public Hearing on Proposed Improvements to Watershed Ditches #3 (WD 3).

**THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO
WATERSHED DITCH #3**

Chairman Carriere called for a motion to open the public hearing. Motion to open the public hearing was made by Manager Wensloff seconded by Manager Braaten. Motion carried unanimously. Board members, consultants and staff introduced themselves. Managers present were LeRoy Carriere, Jason Braaten, Tony Wensloff and Carter Diesen. Staff and consultants present were Technician McCormack, Attorney Kjos and Engineer Dalager. Chairman Carriere read the meeting guidelines.

Chairman Carriere introduced Engineer Dalager and requested he begin the project presentation. Engineer Dalager discussed the request for changes to WD 3. The permit application (#15-29 Mark Wierschke) proposes the following work: to a 24” culvert in an elevated position under 270th Ave to take peak flows west in the ditch verses overland, restore the lowered portion of the township road (east side of Sect. 23) and the installation of a trap on a culvert on the west side of the section. Engineer Dalager discussed the controversial nature of drainage in the area and the issue of outletting water from the WD 3 system into the Judicial Ditch 69 (JD 69) system. The flow capacity of the 24” culvert would be less than what is currently going over the road.

Engineer Dalager’s commented on the legality of outletting water from one ditch system to another and the capacity of the JD 69 system.

Chairman Carriere read into the record letters of opposition for Gordon Broten and Joe Lauren. A letter from Mark Wierschke explaining the request for the permit was also read.

The following audience members spoke in opposition to the permit:

- Richard Foss
- Kevin Johnson
- John Johnson
- John Harder
- Brent Haugen
- Floyd Haugen

There was extensive discussion on landowners petitioning for improvements to the legal drainage system. Technician McCormack discussed the boards work on the Whitney Lake Subwatershed Plan. The District has applied for funding for the development of this plan through the NRCS Rural Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). There is a well documented need for comprehensive water management strategies in this area.

Manager Wensloff made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Manager Diesen. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Manager Wensloff, seconded by Manager Braaten. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Schmalz, Secretary

Tracy Halstengard, Administrator