

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau, Minn.
Jan. 4, 1977

Minutes of the Managers meeting of Jan. 4, 1977. Managers present were Howard Degerness, Clifford Trangsrud, Elby Engstrom, John Lofton and James Njaa. Others present were Manfred Holm, County Commissioner; Cliff Anderson, Eng. and Harold Grothem, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Degerness. The minutes of the Dec. 7 meeting were read and approved. Manager Degerness reported that a group from Manitoba has requested a meeting with himself, Binky Erickson, and Manfred Holm. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Jan. 6 at 10:00 A.M. at the Watershed office. Other Managers were asked to attend if possible.

The selection of officers for 1977 was held and the following were duly elected
Howard Degerness, Chairman John Lofton, Treasurer
James Njaa, Vice Chairman Elby Engstrom, Manager
Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

The following appointments were made by the managers for 1977.

Ray Sauve, Engineer, local
Frank Murray, Legal Council
Harold Grothem, Executive Secretary

Clifford Anderson gave an updated report on the status of engineering and appraisal work on the Roseau River Project.

The draft copy of the annual report for the District was handed out for review. The annual audit was discussed and tabled until the Feb. meeting when the annual report is to be in final form.

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Minutes of the Jan. 4, managers meeting.

The following claims were audited and on a motion by Engstrom
seconded by Njaa and carried all claims were ordered paid.

Postmaster	Stamps	\$26.00
Selmer Sorter	Appraisal	358.90
Peter Tandberg	"	409.00
Paul Bernstrom	"	400.00
Merrick and Co.	Engineering	4601.14
Roseau Printing Co.	Supplies	13.00
Harold Grothem	Salary and expense	320.00
Howard Degerness	Per Diem	25.00
Elby Engstrom	Per Diem and Exp.	40.00
Clifford Trangsrud	"	31.00
John Lofton	"	28.30
James Njaa	"	31.00
Northwestern Bell	Tel. charge	36.60
	Total	<u>\$6319.94</u>

The re being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Clifford Trangsrud
Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau , Minn.
Jan. 6, 1977

Special meeting with Government officials from Manitoba

A special meeting was

10:00 A.M. The meeting was scheduled at the request of the Hon. Jake Epp, Representative of the Province of Manitoba in the House Of Commons, Ottawa. Others attending from the province of Manitoba were Mr. W.H. Jorgenson and Mr. Arnold Brown representatives in Parliament in the Province of Manitoba.

The meeting, hosted by Chairman Howard Degerness of the Roseau Watershed Board, Mayor Binky Erickson and County Commissioner, Manfred Holm. Others present were Clifford Anderson, engineer and Harold Grothem.

The purpose of the meeting was to exchange information and to review the progress being made on the Roseau River project and discuss with the Canadians the status of the planning now being done in Canada in preparation to construction of mitigation works.

Howard Degerness outlined the work which has been done in the past and reviewed the work which is presently going forward in preparation for construction. Degerness noted that plans here are to complete land acquisition and appraisal required to hold a hearing in 1977 in preparation for construction. He stated the reason why it is necessary to proceed as rapidly as possible. Funds are available for construction in the U.S. and also for transfer to Canada as per agreement between the two countries. Secondly the people in the Roseau Basin in Minn. want the project and support it.

Mayor Binky Erickson stressed the need for the project to give flood relief to the city of Roseau. He cited the present high cost of flood insurance in Roseau due to the flood prone conditions and the continual threat of damage to property.

Commissioner Holm referred to the large part of the watershed in the area north of the border contributing to the flood problem in the basin and voiced concern that this is not mentioned in any of the testimony nor in the I.J.C. report. Holm noted that the area drained by Sprague and Pine creeks is being developed and that drainage is being improved as this land is being developed for agriculture. With more land being developed on both sides of the boarder the problem of flooding will continue to become more severe because the channel is deteriorating also.

Hon. Jake Epp was the principle spokesman for the delegation from Canada. He stated in his opening that the meeting was requested for the purpose of discussion of problems on both sides of the border and especially to make us aware of the concerns of his constituency north of the border.

Interest in the project varies considerably among the people in Canada, Mr. Epp stated. Some communities are supporting it and others are opposed. He stated that he did not know of anything being done north of the border to prepare for the construction of the proposed projects as outlined in the I.A.C. report. Information about the project was sketchy in Canada and difficult to obtain. This was one reason he had requested this meeting, Mr. Epp stated. They were somewhat surprised at the progress in the U.S. and did not seem to be aware that funds had been appropriated to initiate construction in the U.S. and they had not been notified that funds are available for transfer to Canada.

Mr. Jorgenson was concerned with the ~~flow~~ with the flow characteristics after the project in place. His concern seemed to be that there may be a problem of low or 0 flow during periods of drought. He stated also that he had some concern about erosion taking place in certain areas.

To sum up the concerns of the people residing in Manitoba, Mr. Epp stated that those in the area of the Gardenton floodway support the project. North of Gardenton and in the area of Stuartburn, it is felt that there is strong opposition, particularly in the built-up areas. It is felt that the area of the Roseau River Indian Reserve No. 2 will be the point of greatest opposition.

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau, Minnesota
Feb. 8, 1977

Minutes of the meeting of the Roseau River Watershed District Managers held on Feb. 8, 1977.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Degerness at 7:30 P.M. at the Watershed Office in Roseau. Other Managers present were Jim Njaa, Clifford Trangsrud, John Lofton and Elby Engstrom. Others present at the meeting were Cliff Anderson, Engineer; Selmer Sorter and Peter Tandberg Appraisers; Bob Fitzsimmons, District Conservationist; and Harold Grothem, Exec. Sec'y.

The minutes of the Jan. 4 meeting were read and approved. The record of the informal meeting of Jan. 6 between Canadian officials, Manager Degerness and Mayor Erickson and Commissioner Holm was ^{reviewed} ~~reviewed~~, discussed and placed on file.

Bob Fitzsimmons of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service outlined the Soil Survey program in Minn. His presence was mainly to provide information on the Soil Survey program as to needs, uses and cost. He gave a rough cost figure of \$800,000 total with \$234,000 to be borne by the County, and the balance shared by the State and Federal Governments.

Howard Degerness reported on the trip he made to St. Paul and the meeting with Pete Fisher, Mr. Murray and Erling Weiberg. Some of the significant matters resolved were that an assessment can be levied on all land contributing water to the flood problem. This ^{is} ~~is~~ interpreted to include the entire Watershed. It was ~~varified~~ ^{verified} that abstracts are required for all parcels of land taken for the project. Degerness reported that negotiations are underway between the State Department and the Canadian Department of Ex't. Affairs and that the Corps is no longer involved in any dialogue with the Canadians on the Roseau River Project.

Minutes of the Feb 8, 1977 meeting

Right of way descriptions, options and easements were other items clarified; as well as the method of assessing by individual ownership tracts in the City of Roseau.

Notice of the Water Resources Seminar and the meeting of the Water Resources Board at the Red River Valley Winter Show ^{on Feb 5/} was given.

Clifford Trangsrud made a motion to pay \$175.00 annual dues to the State Ass'n.

Motion seconded by Elby Engstrom and carried by unanimous vote.

Clifford Anderson reported on the many changes in right of way that had come about and how these changes affect the easements to be acquired. These have required considerable rewriting of descriptions and made additional work for the engineer and will also require the appraisers to redo some of their work.

The following bills were audited and a motion was made by Jim Njaa seconded by John Lofton and carried to pay all bills.

Northwestern Bell	\$34.24	Clifford Trangsrud Per Diem & Exp.	\$31.00
Merrick and Co. Engineering	5936.11	John Lofton	" " 28.30
City Of Roseau Copy machine	15.00	Elby Engstrom	" " 40.00
H. Grothem Salary	455.00	Paul Bernstrom	" " 403.75
Roseau Agency Inc. Supplies	100.00	Peter Tandberg	" " 409.95
Roseau Printing Co. Supplies	22.04	Selmer Sorter	" " 199.00
LaVonne Ammerman, Typing	9.75	Gladwin Lynne	" " 45.70
Howard Degerness, Per Diem	56.00		<hr/> \$7991.84
State Ass'n. Watershed Dist.	175.00		
James Njaa, Per Diem, Exp.	31.00		

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Clifford Trangsrud
Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau, Minn.
March 8, 1977

Minutes of the Managers meeting held on Tuesday evening March 8, 1977 at the Watershed office in Roseau.

Managers present were Chairman Howard Degerness, James Njaa, Clifford Trangsrud, John Lofton and Elby Engstrom. Also present were Harold Grothem, Phil Johnson and the following members of the County Board and the Roseau River Watershed Advisory Committee: Commissioner Holm, Commissioner Erickson, Selvin Erickson, Joe Jacobson, Jack Jensen, Gus Kveen, Darrell Lins, Lornie Olson, Henry Stoe and Albert Lee.

The minutes of the Feb. 8 meeting were read and approved. Cap Nelson was present to give the Audit Report of the District. Following the report a motion to accept the Audit report was made by Elby Engstrom seconded by Cliff Trangsrud and carried by unanimous vote

The present status of the Project was discussed. Howard Degerness read the official notice from the Corps alerting the Managers to the fact that the Fish and Wildlife Service has raised some concerns about the Project. Degerness also reported on call from Bill Slocum on March 8 on the same subject. Slocum suggested that we assemble a summary of local expenditures to date on the Project and pass this information on to him. We thought it would also help to have local contact with Col. Gay urging him to meet with the Fish and Wildlife Service at the earliest possible time. Degerness also suggested that to those present to make whatever contact they could to find support.

John Lofton reported on his attempts to contact Mr. Hemphill of the Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain further information about their concerns. He could not be reached but contact will be made with him at a later date.

Howard agreed that he would call Col. Gay and Don Ogard.

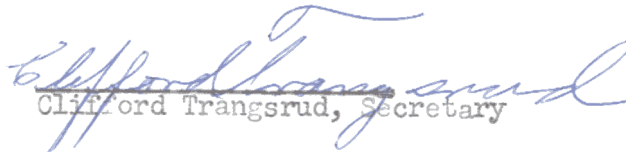
An application to DNR for a permit by Dennis Dahl to construct a well was reviewed. It was moved by Lofton seconded by Trangsrud to support the application.

Jim Njaa moved to pay the following bills; seconded by Elby Engstrom and carried.

Northwestern Bell	\$62.41
Roseau Printing Co.	16.35
Harold Grothem, Salary	421.00
Howard Dege rness Per Diem	25.00
James Njaa "	31.00
Elby Engstrom "	40.00
Clifford Trangsrud "	31.00
John Lofton "	28.30
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	\$655.06

The being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30P.M.

Respectfully Submitted


Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau, Minn.
April 5, 1977

Minutes of the Managers meeting held on April 5, 1977 at the Watershed office in Roseau.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Howard Degerness.

Managers present were, Degerness, Njaa, Trangsrud, Lofton and Engstrom.

Others present were Jack Jenson, Harold Grothem, Ben Charistianson, Phillip Johnson, Albert Lee and Selmer Sorter. Jack Jenson was present to report on the contacts he had made in Washington. He stated that he had visited with Sec. Bob Bergland, Congressman Arlan Stangland, and Senator Wendell Anderson about the Roseau River project. All of these individuals expressed a willingness

to do all they could to help. Sec. Bergland will make a contact with official of the Dept. of Interior to solicit their support. ~~Jack Jenson thought a letter to Senator Anderson would be appropriate~~

The minutes of the March 8, Meeting were read and approved. Ben Christianson appeared to call attention to the need for some changes in the Two Rivers-Roseau River District boundary. One in Moose Twp. and another in Stafford Township. These discrepancies have been noted by the Engineer and appraisers as they have been working on projects in the Two Rivers District. A motion was made by Mgr. Jim Njaa to sign a joint resolution with the Two Rivers Managers to bring about the changes in the common boundary as recommended by the Engineer and Appraisers. The motion was seconded by Mgr. Elby Engstrom and carried by unanimous vote.

The Chairman reported that the Dept. of Interior has not taken a stand to oppose the Roseau River project. Mgr. Degerness also reported on the Hearing before the

Minn. E. Q. C. Following this hearing , it has been determined that the State will prepare a new E.I.S. The Exec. Secretary was directed to call Mr. Murray for an interpretation of the letter from The State Planning Agency relative to waiver of the Env. Assessment Worksheet.

Following a discussion of the options open to the Board, it was moved by Mgr. Engstrom seconded by Mgr. Trangsrud to have the appraisers complete their work. The motion Carried.

Moved by Engstrom , seconded by Njaa ~~to allow the following bills~~ and carried to allow the following bills.

Howard Degerness	Per Diem and Mileage	\$25.00
James Njaa	" " "	31.00
Clifford Trangsrud	" " "	31.00
John Lofton	" " "	28.30
Elby Engstrom	" " "	40.00
Peggy Magnusson	Typeing	10.00
Cap Nelson	Audit	175.00
Harold Grothem	Salary	420.00
Merrick and Co.	Engineering	4620.56
		<hr/> \$5380.86

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Clifford Trangsrud
Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau, Minn.
May 3, 1977

Minutes of the meeting of the Roseau River Watershed District Managers of May 3, 1977.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Degerness, at 7:30 P.M. at the Watershed Office in Roseau. Managers present were Degerness, Njaa, Trangsrud, Lofton and Engstrom. Also present; Cap Nelson, Gus Kveen, Charles Habstritt, Yvonne Magnusson, Manfred Holm, Carl Wahlberg, Ray Sauve, Bill Slocum and Harold Grothem.

Chairman Degerness gave a resume of the resolutions, news items and letters directed to the Managers in opposition to the Roseau River Flood Control Project. Following a discussion of the amount of local opposition which has recently been expressed; it was suggested by Gus Kveen and Cap Nelson that a general information meeting be scheduled for the purpose of dealing with environmental concerns. The date of May 16 was selected as the date for the meeting to be held at the Roseau City Auditorium at 7:30 P.M.

Degerness expressed the position of the Watershed Managers, which is neutral in the present controversy, but expressed a need to get as much information as possible to the critics. The Roseau River Advisory Committee was suggested as the body to call the meeting. This was agreeable with those present. All members of the Advisory Committee will be notified by letter. Newspaper and radio will be used to reach the public. Personal contacts will be made to reach certain key individuals. The Secretary was instructed to extend invitations to the Roseau City Council and the Roseau County Commissioners. Cap Nelson agreed to lead the discussions at the meeting. Bill Slocum will be present to answer technical questions about the project plan.

Yvonne Magnusson was present to express a personal concern about access to his property in the area of Roseau Lake. Present plans for access to this area was explained and satisfied him.

Ray Sauve reviewed boundary changes now being proposed by the Roseau River And Two Rivers Districts. He was given authority to complete the survey and make all of the needed changes in the common boundary between the two Districts. Sauve also displayed a map of possible flood water retention areas which are being studied to determine feasibility.

A letter from Roger Diesen, Marshall County Highway Engineer and a plan for construction of S.A. H 54 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mgr. Lofton, seconded by Mgr. Engstrom to prepare comments on the project in support of it with an expression of concern about the possibility of erosion and overflow from Branch A. This would adversely effect the Roseau River. The motion carried by unanimous vote.


Lofton called attention to a request of the Water Quality Management Advisory Committee in Region One for one Manager to present to their committee a review of the proposed Roseau River Project. Their meeting will be scheduled to be held in Roseau in either Aug. or Sept.

The following bills were audited and on a motion by Jim Njaa and second by Elby Engstrom current bills were ordered to be paid.

Howard Degerness	Per Diem	\$25.00
Jim Njaa	Per Diem and Mileage	31.00
Clifford Trangsrud	" " "	31.00
John Lofton	" " "	28.30
Elby Engstrom	" " "	40.00
Harold Grothem	" " "	115.00
		<u>\$270.30</u>

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted


Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary.

Roseau River Watershed District
Roseau, Minn.
June 7, 1977

Minutes of the Board of Managers meeting of June 7, 1977.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Njaa at 7:30 P.M. Managers present were Degerness, Njaa, Trangsrud, Lofton and Engstrom. Others present were Harold Grothem, Gus Kveen, Manfred Holm and Ray Sauve.

The minutes of the May 3 meeting were read and approved. Engineer, Ray Sauve was called on to report on proposed boundary changes. He reported completion of the field investigation and explained the new alignment of the boundary between Two Rivers and the Roseau River. Sauve also reported on his investigation of potential flood water retarding structures and wildlife pools. He described in detail the preliminary work done at a site in Sec. 15, 16, 17 and 18 in TwP. 163 N R 38 W. Mr. Trangsrud and Sauve had proposed this as a project for funding under the Lower Red River Watershed Mgmt. Board. Tentative approval was given by that organization as the type of project which can be carried out under the organization. Mr. Sauve requested support of the Roseau River Watershed Managers and indicated it would require sponsorship by the Watershed to implement this kind of a program.

The following resolution was offered by Manager Trangsrud and seconded by Manager Njaa.

"Be it resolved that the Roseau River Watershed Managers support the development of preliminary plans for the combination flood control and wildlife project known as the Habstritt project. However no funding is authorized at this time." The resolution carried by a unanimous vote.

A progress report of Engineering work and appraisal was given by the Exec. Secretary. It is expected that this work will be complete by July 1, 1977.

Correspondence from Erling Weiberg was read. Suggested criteria to be considered by the appraisers was noted and filed for future use. The suggestion that the Overall Plan be updated was considered and all members of the Watershed Board were in agreement that this needs to be done. Mr. Weiberg is to be notified of the Managers action on the matter.

Moved By Manager Lofton and seconded by Mgr. Engstrom that the July meeting be set for July 12 and official notice of this change published.

Mr. Degerness reported on a letter from Hon. Jake Epp, Member of Parliament. Mr. Epp restated some of the concerns which he had expressed previously, about the Roseau River Project on the Indian Reservation in Canada. The Chairman is to respond to Mr. Epp.

Harold Grothem announced his resignation from the position of Exec. Secretary effective July 1, 1977.

Roseau River Watershed District.

Minutes of the meeting of June 7, 1977 Continued.

Moved ,seconded and carried to accept Grothem's resignation with regrets.

Current bills were audited and upon motion by Mgr. Trangsrud and second by Manager Lofton and carried, the following bills were ordered paid.

Roseau Printing Co.	Supplies	\$13.27
Howard Degerness	Per Diem	25.00
Elby Engstrom	Per Diem And Mileage	80.00
John Lofton	" " "	28.30
James Njaa	" " "	31.00
Clifford Trangsrud	" " "	31.00
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		\$ 208.57

Respectfully Submitted


Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

ROSEAU, MINNESOTA 56751

July 12, 1977

Minutes of the Roseau River Watershed District meeting of July 12, 1977.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Degerness at 7:30 P.M. in the Watershed Office in Roseau. Managers present were Degerness, Njaa, Trangsrud, and Lofton. Manager Engstrom, absent. Others present were Harold Grothem, Phil Johnson and Commissioner Holm.

The minutes of the June 7, meeting were read and approved. The financial report for the first half of 1977 was reviewed by the District Treasurer and attached to the minutes of this meeting. The Treasurer reported the June settlement in the amount of \$13,410.69 from Roseau Co. and \$146.43 from Kittson County has been received.

The petition for Watershed boundary changes was read and the attached resolution was adopted on a motion by Mgr. Njaa seconded by Mgr. Lofton and carried by an unanimous vote. The resolution is on file with the July 12 minutes.

It was moved by Jim Njaa and seconded by John Lofton to appoint Phil Johnson to succeed Harold Grothem as Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Congressman Stangland was read by the chairman Degerness. The Congressman assured the managers that he would continue to work for speedy completion of the Roseau River project. Mr. Stangland noted that an investigation is to be made to determine the effect of the project on wetlands. He also referred to final negotiations with Canada which are to begin within the next 6 weeks.

The Chairman read a letter and meeting agenda of a meeting of the Water Management Advisory Committee which will meet in Roseau on July 20. Mr. Degerness and Mr. Lofton will attend this meeting at the REA Bldg. at 8:00 P.M.

A letter from the Environmental Quality Council was read by the Chairman. It stated that the Council has completed its rules for assessing the cost of preparing EIS'S. The rules are available for purchase or a Xerox copy may be obtained at no charge. The Ex. Secy. was Directed to order a copy.

It was moved by John Lofton seconded by Clifford Trangsrud and carried to transfer \$8000.00 from checking to the savings account.

Bills were audited and on a motion by Mgr. Trangsrud and second by Mgr. Njaa and carried: the following bills were ordered paid.

Ray Sauve	Engineering	\$285.10
Howard Degerness	Per Diem	25.00
John Lofton	Per Diem & Mileage	28.30
James Njaa	" "	31.00
Clifford Trangsrud	" "	31.00 Phi
Phil Johnson	Salary	13.90
Harold Grothem	Salary	310.00
Peter Tandberg	Per Diem & Exp.	1029.60
Gladwin Lynne	" "	198.00
Paul Bernstrom	" "	1218.65
Selmar Sorter	" "	1204.99
		<u>\$ 4375.54</u>

Respectfully Submitted;

Clifford Trangsrud
 Clifford Trangsrud, Secretary

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE
ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

At a regular meeting of the Roseau River Watershed Board of Managers held on the 22 day of July, 1977, at 7:30 o'clock P..M., member James Hjaas introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
TO SIGN A PETITION FOR CHANGE OF PART OF THE COMMON
BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED
DISTRICT AND THE TWO RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Roseau River Watershed Board of Managers have been presented with a petition and requested to join therein, calling for change of the common boundary line between the Two Rivers Watershed District and the Roseau River Watershed District necessitated by pending improve-projects, designated Solar Project No 4 and Stokkes-Offtake Project No. 3 within the Two Rivers Watershed District, and

WHEREAS, the Roseau River Watershed District has been advised by its engineer that there are certain lands which are set forth in the petition which should be transferred to the Roseau River Watershed District as well as from the Roseau River Watershed District to the Two Rivers Watershed District and it is recommended that it would be in the best interests of both Districts that these lands be transferred so as to place them in the District in which their natural drainage flows, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has the authority to initiate and sign a petition directed to the Secretary of Water Resources Board pursuant to M.S.A. 112.39, Subd. 4, requesting a change of the Watershed District Boundary line,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau River Watershed Board of Managers:

Does hereby join in the petition calling for change of the common boundary line between the two districts and the transfer of lands between the two districts as set forth therein.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member John Lofton and

upon a vote thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:
Member Degerness, Member Njaa, Member Trangarud, Member Lofton.
Member Engstrom absent.

and the following members voted against:

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Clifford Trangarud
Secretary

ATTEST:

Samuel Degerness
Chairman

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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COUNTY OF ROSEAU)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Roseau River Watershed Board of Managers, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing Extract of Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers held on the date therein indicated which are on file and of record in my office and the same is a full, true and complete transcript thereof insofar as the same relates to the resolution authorizing the Board of Managers of the Roseau River Watershed District to Sign a Petition for Change of Part of the Common Boundary Line between the Roseau River Watershed District and the Two Rivers Watershed District

WITNESS, my hand as said Secretary and the official seal of the District this 22 day of July, 1977

Clifford Langdon
Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes of August 2, 1977, Roseau River Watershed Board of Managers Meeting

Present were: Managers Howard Degerness, Clifford Trangsrud, John Lofton

Absent: Jim Ryan, Elby Engstrom
Others present were: Corps of Engineers personnel Colonel Gay, Bill Slocum, and Roger Fast

Viewers present were: Selmer Sorter and *Madwin Lynne*

Also present were: Norman Flagstad, Manfred Holm, Thomas Thompson, Gust Kveen, Selvin Erickson, Milt Arneson, & *Gottfried Jensen*
Daniel Jensen

The meeting was opened by Chairman Howard Degerness. The minutes were read and approved. Colonel Gay was introduced to the personnel present and asked to give a report on the present status of the project. Colonel Gay stated 1) that the original agreement written for the State Department by the Corps was not suitable for this purpose so the agreement was rewritten by State Department personnel and the Corps. In the meantime, the Canadian counterpart of our State Department went on vacation, so no negotiations can be completed during this fiscal year. The State Department could not hold the money allotted for the project so all money that has been allotted has to be turned back to Congress. Colonel Gay is optimistic that an agreement will be reached with Canada during the early part of the coming fiscal year. 2) Colonel Gay stated the main objections to the project from the environmental groups have been in the wetlands vs. farmlands area. The Fish and Wildlife Service claims the possibility of 237,000 acres of wetland that could possibly be converted to farmland but the Corps in their study has found that about 20,000 acres is the most that could be changed within the project boundaries. Of this 20,000 acres, 90% is in State or Federal ownership which gives them control over the disposition and use of this land. Colonel Gay indicates that hopefully an agreement can be reached between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps in October of this year, 1977.

Bill Slocum reported that the 237,000 acres considered by the Fish and Wildlife Service include acres in Big Swamp (Two Rivers Watershed), Canada and state owned land. He indicated there are other methods of control over these wetlands within the Roseau River Watershed District, reiterating that the majority of the land is in state ownership and also that other projects would have to be approved on Sprague, Hay, and Mud Creek in order to increase drainage significantly.

Colonel Gay asked for confirmation that the Roseau River Watershed Board of ~~XXXXXXX~~ Managers is looking at the project as a flood control project and not a drainage project. This confirmation was given by all three board members present.

There was a discussion by Colonel Gay, Norman Flagstad, Manfred Holm, Milt Arneson, and Gust Kveen on the fishing resource of the Roseau River.

Colonel Gay was asked several questions relating to the project mainly by Mr. Flagstad. 1) Relating to the capacity of the project, Colonel Gay indicated that the project was designed for handling the flow as per the SCS plan of 1967, which at that time was 2/3 implemented. The

design was based on full implementation of this plan plus an additional 80,000 acres allowed from Canada in addition to all the present input. 2) Colonel Gay was also asked about the affect the project would have on the flood insurance for Roseau. He and Bill Slocum indicated that there would be a 50 year flood protection to Roseau from the dam to the North city limits and decrease to a 30 year protection from the dam to the South city limits. He indicated that he was under the impression that when the project was completed the flood insurance would change to coincide with the project's improvements. 3) Norman Flagstad also brought up the sluffing problem in the area of Richardson's bridge. Bill Slocum indicated that they were aware of this problem and that they had redesigned the project to alleviate the earth movement. Two things had been done such as limiting the spoil bank height and setting the spoilbank back from the river bank. It was also indicated at this time by Mr. Slocum that if the bank did sluff off in this area or any other area of the project it is considered a Corps design problem and they will be responsible for the work necessary to correct the situation using Federal funds.

Chairman Degerness asked about the 2,400 acres of land necessary for permanent and temporary right of ways and accesses. Bill said this is an outside figure and probably would be less if actually measured.

Thomas Thompson pointed out the fact that he had never limited hunting or recreational use of 60,000 acres of land he owns and would like to point out to the wildlife people this fact. He also expects in return their support for the flood control project.

Colonel Gay noted that a visit by himself and General Moore of the Chicago office was planned for Friday, September 2 to view the project.

The final bill from ^{Marib &} American Company for \$7,004.88 was reviewed by the members present. John Lofton made a motion, seconded by Cliff Trangsrud that we delay payment of this bill until the next meeting so it may be reviewed by the rest of the board members. Carried unanimous. Cliff made motion, John seconded, to pay all other bills (Exec. Sec. note bills).

The board acknowledged checks from 1) State of Minnesota--\$26.70
2) State of Minnesota--\$3,363.12 3) Beltrami County--\$5.46.

Meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

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Clifford trangsrud, Sec'y.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Roseau River Watershed Board of Managers, held Sept. 6, 1977, in the watershed office.

Managers Present: Lofton, Trangsrud, Engstrom, Njaa, and Degerness

Others Present: Clarence Erickson and Norris Fugelberg, Selvin Erickson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

Chairman Degerness read a letter from Frank Murray relating to his reason for not having appeared as yet to review the titles of the property along the proposed project route.

There has been recieved a request from the Minn. Environmental Quality Control Council to name members to a regional committee for a four month term. Nominees were Cap Nelson, Manfred Holm, and E.G. Simmons. Motion by Engstrom, Second by Njaa, Carried unanimous.

Motion by Cliff Trangsrud, Second by John Lofton, to attend a joint meeting of the Watershed Board and the County Board, as requested by Commissioners Juhl and Horner. Carried unanimous. Meeting to be held Sept 7 1977, at the Courthouse.

Chairman Degerness revealed that the area between the Jim Helgeson property and Casey Lommen residence has been re-engineered and new prints are forthcoming. The new proposal calls for elimination of spoil at this site and rather disposing of the spoil material at the Red Owl and Farm Service sites west of Roseau.

Motion by Lofton, second by Trangsrud to acknowledge receipt of a letter of rebuttal prepared by the advisory committee, and to place two copies on file in the Watershed office. Carried unanimous. It was also suggested that a copy be sent to the Minn.

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Information regarding ~~xxx~~ rules for construction on public waterways is to be discussed at a DNR hearing on 9/21/77 at Brainard, Minn. The Board of managers had been advised that attendance at that hearing would likely be futile and better results could be realized by approaching a legislative committee at the appropriate time.

Salmer Sorter appeared to discuss the typing of the viewers report. Discussion tabled to allow board time to secure a typist and to allow for further developments.

Discussion on levys:

Ditch 8 settlements for March	---	\$1395.60	
June	-----	\$13410.69	
Nov.	-----	\$3363.12	(pending)

The county is to transfer \$2723.32 to the District as the first settlement. Suggested that the levy be reduced to 10 mills, or approximately \$500.00.

Ditch 16: Need approximately \$1000.00; mil levy to be established by Co, Auditor.

WD1, WD3, No maintenance provision.

Motion by Trangsrud, second by Njaa, to use presently available funds in Ditch 16 account to secure a used pipe for installation at the intersection at the NW corner sec 16, Ross twp, to better facilitate use by the school bus of that intersection. Carried unanimous.

Motion by Njaa, second by Engstrom, to authorize an inquiry by Lofton regarding State Dept. negotiations with the Canadians. Points what to be inquired of include information ~~pr~~ the Corps has provided the State Dept. regarding inflows from Canada, and ~~xxxx~~ data furnished on County road #7. Carried unanimous.

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Motion by Engstrom, second by Lofton, to pay Merrick & Co.
bill of \$7,604.88, and other small bills. Carried unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Clifford Trangsrud, Sec'y/