



Meeting Minutes of the Board of Managers Warroad River Watershed District

Warroad, MN
September 23, 2021

Call to Order

- **Attendance**

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Managers present were Bill Thompson, Joe Olafson, Landin, Jeff O'Donnell and Brian Schaible., Jenee Provance (WRWD administrative assistant), and Scott Johnson - Roseau County SWCD. Joining virtually was Tony Nordby - Houston Engineering (HEI).

- **Agenda**

Item J - PRAP, Item K - Liability Insurance, Item L - Riverbank Repairs, Item M - MSU Student request were added and then the agenda was approved on a **motion** by Landin, **second** by Schaible and unanimous vote of the Board.

Secretary's Report

- **Meeting Minutes**

The August 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes were reviewed and approved on a **motion** by Landin, **second** by Olafson and unanimous vote of the Board.

Treasurer's Report

The checking balance is \$93,265.22 and the CD balance is \$10,000 as of August 31, 2021. Invoices were received from Northland Trading Post: \$45.00 for publishing meeting notice; Czeh, Wilson & Wilmer: \$525.00 for audit; Houston Engineering for stream bank stabilization project in the amounts of \$300.75. All invoices were approved on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by O'Donnell and unanimous vote of the Board. The Treasurer's report was approved on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by O'Donnell and unanimous vote of the Board.

Visitor(s)/Public Comment

- None

Special Report

- None.

Old Business

- **WRWD Representation at the Implementation Committee (IC) Meetings**

Olafson reported that the Committee met on September 9 and most of discussion was about what would be presented to the Joint Powers Board.

- **Houston Engineering**
 1. **Warroad River Clean Water Grant Sites - bank stabilization**
Nothing new on water storage. Once the leaves are off the trees, fieldwork on the peatland storage area will be started. The three new streambank project fieldwork will also be implemented. The contractor still has not submitted a final bill for the three projects just completed.

- **WRWD Strategic Planning**
 1. **Administrative support**
Landin will handle the purchase of TV and mounting hardware with MHC.

- **1W1P -Joint Powers Board**
President Bill Thompson attended the meeting that was held on September 13, 2021. They are looking in to hiring an agronomist with Northern Seed to handle cover crop. The board then took a tour of the completed sites of Ulwelling, Fast and Phillippe and liked what they saw.

- **Beaver Dam Removal Update**
Mechanical issues prevented the beaver dam destruction. Manager O'Donnell will coordinate with Horner Plumbing to take care of the beaver dam east of Mitch Cole's. There was a beaver dam in Cedarbend on the South side of the completed project that was destroyed by tannerite. Landin will speak with Isaac Krahn about trapping the beaver south of his land. Percy Hodgson's beaver is back. If that beaver can be trapped, O'Donnell will get that dam pulled out at the same time as the Cole dam.

Permits

Tony Stoskopf, Permit No. 2102 was approved on **motion** by Schaible **second** by Landin and unanimous vote of the Board. Layla Marvin permit was approved on a motion by O'Donnell and a second by Olafson and unanimous vote of the board.

- **Conservation Corps – River Clean-Up**
No response

- **Roseau County Funding of Ditch 10**
The work was finished at the Cole property. Thompson has not heard from Commissioner Walker regarding any funding. There are monies available for side water inlets if the land owners are willing to go ahead with the project. Scott and Joe will meet with Joan Dahlgren and Matt Cole. It would be a 75% cost share.

- **Advisory Committee**
Has not met .

- **PRAP**

Due to the fact that f Dwight is not billing for his time and there is no strategic plan in place for the 5 phase project that only got to phase two, it was decided on a motion by Landin and seconded by Schaible and unanimous vote of the board, that the grant be closed out and not utilized at this time. Jenee will participate in the 3 day training presented by the BWSR Academy in late in October

- **Liability Insurance**

Landin requested input from the board regarding the insurance form. There was much discussion regarding the amount of coverage required. We must be nominated by a county commissioner and approved to get qualify for MCIT. Landin will contact MCIT and work with them regarding what is best for our organization.

- **River Bank Restoration** Landin received the project breakdowns from Houston Engineering for the Ulwelling, Fast and Philipe projects. Motion made by Olafson and seconded by O'Donnell to send bills to the landowners for their portion. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the board. Jenee will handle the billing.

- **MSU Student Email**

Landin shared an email he received from a MSU student requesting information from the watershed about what we do and how we do it. Landin will respond.

New Business

None

Round Table

None

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m..

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am on a **motion** by Olafson **second** by Landin and unanimous vote of the Board.



Watershed Secretary



Date