

**Meeting Minutes of the Board of Managers
Warroad River Watershed District**

Warroad, MN
June 24, 2021

Call to Order

• **Attendance**

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Managers present were Bill Thompson, Joe Olafson, Keith Landin and Brian Schaible. Manager Jeff O'Donnell was absent. Jenee Provance (WRWD administrative assistant), and Scott Johnson - Roseau County SWCD. Joining virtually were Janine Lovold – Roseau County SWCD, Tony Nordby - Houston Engineering (HEI), and making the LiDAR presentation were Chuck Fitz from IWI and Robert Sip from the Red River Watershed District

• **Agenda**

The agenda was approved on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by Landin and unanimous vote of the Board.

Secretary's Report

• **May 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The May 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. The minutes were approved on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by Landin and unanimous vote of the Board.

LiDAR Data Collection 2021

- Roseau County has 296 square miles of watershed land. With the LiDAR flight that will be taking place in the Fall, they are asking WRWD to pay for for 223 square miles of data. The price per square mile would be 135.00 per square mile for a total of \$30,105.00. Tony shared that for future large-scale projects, this data would be beneficial. If looking into storage sites in the future, this data would be valuable in conjunction with field surveying. The contours of land with this system would increase in accuracy by 1 foot. Previous data was procured at 1 ground point for every 1.5 meters. The new system will take 8 ground points for every meter. The raw data will not be user friendly but the products that accompany the data will prove useful. There will some flexibility in payment. It was mentioned other options for payment would be the Joint Powers Board and the Roseau County Board. The vendor will host the data on a user friendly site for three years.

Treasurer's Report

The checking balance as of May 27 is \$82,863.51 and a check was received from the county for 29,670.82. Plus the CD for \$10,000.00. All invoices, for a total of \$3,500.80, were approved for payment on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by Schaible and unanimous vote of the Board. The Treasurer's report was approved on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by Schaible and unanimous vote of the Board.

Visitor(s)/Public Comment

- None

Special Report

- None.

Old Business

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

Manager Olafson attended the meeting on June 8. The county has \$20,000 dollars that they have not used and WRWD could request that money for Ditch 10. There was much discussion as where and how the monies could be used. It was decided that Scott would request the monies from the Joint Powers Board. There was a motion made by Landin and seconded by Schaible to authorize Scott Johnson to sign a request behalf of the WRWD. It was recommended that WRWD get a cost estimate of the Ditch 10 project to be reviewed at the Joint Powers Board at their September meeting. Tony will update the information and put an estimate together for the request.

Houston Engineering

1. **Evaluate potential Warroad River storage projects**

Jeff O'Donnell is concerned some of the ditch plugs will back up on the roads. The peat foundations of some of the roads would get "mushy". Adding a ditch plug to restrict flow on a ditch that still has value. If the ditch is abandoned, it has no tax base or benefit. Tony Nordby sending maps to DNR to make sure they do not have a problem with us moving forward.

2. **Warroad River Clean Water Grant Sites - bank stabilization**

The Ulwelling site is mostly completed sans seeding. Prepping for Phillippe's property will begin today and be completed by the end of the week. The permit for the work indicates no starting before June 15. It was decided instead of filing wavers, construction would be delayed to the allowed start date.

- **WRWD Strategic Planning**

1. **Administrative support**

Jenee will be meeting with Matt Fischer on July 8. She will be looking for a large screen smart TV to link virtual attendees to meetings.

- **1W1P -Joint Powers Board**

Attended by Manager Thompson in early June.

- **Beaver Dam Removal Update**

Nothing to report.

- **Permits**

- **Conservation Corps – River Clean-Up**

None

- **Advisory Committee**
None

New Business
None

Round Table


Manager Landin looked at a culvert at Matt Ulwelling's through the old highway. One side has fallen in and it is holding back water. It was decided the old highway is now all township. Landin will contact the township and pass the issue on to them.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10:30am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am on a **motion** by Olafson, **second** by Schaible and unanimous vote of the Board.



Watershed Secretary

7/29/2021
Date