Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District Held: Thursday, January 2nd, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District held their Annual Meeting on January 2nd, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the District office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

Managers present included President Roger Anderson, Secretary Jon Vold, Jim Kukowski, Darrel Johnson, Allen Brazier, and Daryl Kelgstad. Vice President Paul Olsonawski was absent.

Others present at the meeting included Administrator Dan Money and Technician Matt Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson and then turned over to Dan Money for the election of the position of President.

Anderson was nominated for president upon a **motion** by Vold, **second** by Johnson and **unanimous** vote. Kukowski **motioned** that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Anderson. The motion was **seconded** by Brazier, and **carried unanimously**. Money then turned the meeting back over to Anderson.

The position of Vice President was considered. Manager Kukowski was nominated upon a **motion** by Johnson, **second** by Brazier, and **unanimous vote**. Brazier then **motioned** that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Kukowski. The motion was **seconded** by Johnson and **carried**.

The position of Secretary was considered. Vold was nominated for this position upon a **motion** by Kukowski, **second** by Brazier, and **unanimous vote**. Johnson **motioned** nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Vold. The motion was **seconded** by Brazier and **carried**.

The position of Treasurer was considered. Johnson was nominated upon a motion by Kukowski, second by Klegstad, and unanimous vote. Kukowski motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Johnson. The motion was seconded by Klegstad and carried.

Upon a **motion** by Kukowski, **second** by Johnson, and **unanimous vote**, the following appointments and designations were made to the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee:

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAME	CITY	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Keith Cummins	Karlstad	Rural Citizen
Luke Novacek	Greenbush	Polonia Township
Sue Dufalt	Karlstad	City of Karlstad
Jim Pederson	Karlstad	Springbrook Township
Don Craigmile	Hallock	Rural Citizen
Bob Boychuk	Hallock	Rural Citizen
Rick Sikorski	Lancaster	Rural Citizen
Mike Jensen	Drayton ND	Teien Township

Vern Langaas Karlstad Rural Citizen Leon Olson Lancaster Kittson Co. Commission Mark Foldesi Greenbush Roseau Co. Commission Todd Truedson Kennedy Mayor - City of Kennedy Mike Docken Hallock City of Hallock

Terry Osowski Hallock South Red River Township

Heather Peterson Hallock Kittson SWCD Brach Svoboda Badger Rural Citizen Harold Moose Donaldson Svea Township John Gaukerud Badger Rural Citizen Ed Walsh Badger Rural Citizen Ron Jacobson Greenbush Rural Citizen Shayne Isane Badger Rural Citizen Mayor Badger City of Badger Mayor Greenbush City of Greenbush

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAME CITY REPRESENTING Kelly Bengtson Hallock Kittson Co. Hwy Dept. **Brian Kettring** Roseau Roseau Co. Hwy Dept. Darren Carlson Hallock Kittson SWCD Russ Reisz Karlstad Nature Conservancy Laurie Fairchild Middle River **USFWS** Jim Schwab Hallock **NRCS** Cary Hernandez Detroit Lakes **MPCA** Matt Fischer Bemidii **BWSR** Dennis Topp Baudette **DNR-Fisheries** Joel Huener Middle River DNR-Wildlife Stephanie Klamm Thief River Falls **DNR-Waters** Blake Carlson Crookston J.O.R. Engineering Janine Lovold Roseau Roseau SWCD

Danni Halvorson Viking International Water Institute Barb O'Hara Hallock Kittson Emergency Management

Consultants:

Upon a motion by Brazier, second by Vold, and a unanimous vote, the following consulting arrangements were approved.

- The Board of Managers decided that engineering consultants will be utilized on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Board. Therefore, the Board of Managers did not designate any one firm / engineer for this service.
- Law firm of Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm & Albrecht, P.A. located in Hallock MN was designated to perform legal services.
- Accounting firm of Drees, Riskey, & Vallager, Ltd., located in Crookston, MN, was designated as auditor, as previously agreed on a three year contract for the 2013 -2015 audits.
- The accounting firm of Dahl, Hatton, Muir, & Reese, Ltd., located in Hallock, MN was designated to perform payroll accounting services.

Upon a **motion** by Kukowski, **second** by Vold, and a **unanimous vote**, designations for the depositories, executive boards, salary committee, drainage inspector, data practices compliance manager, meeting dates, and Red River Watershed Management Board were made as follows.

Depositories: United Valley Bank of Hallock-Lancaster, American Federal Bank of Hallock, Koda Bank of Kennedy, Citizen's State Bank of Badger, Prime Security State Bank of Lancaster and Karlstad, and Border State Bank of Greenbush and Badger.

Executive Boards:

- East Board will be managers Kukowski, Brazier, Klegstad, and Olsonawski.
- West Board will be managers Anderson, Klegstad, Johnson and Vold.
- The District Administrator was directed to notify all Managers of any executive board meetings.

Personnel Committee: The Board appointed managers Vold, Brazier, and Olsonawski to negotiate future employee policies, wages and benefits.

Drainage Inspector: The District Administrator was appointed the drainage inspector for all District ditches.

Data Practices Compliance Manager: The District Administrator was appointed the data practices compliance manager.

Meeting Dates: The regular meeting dates for the Board of Managers were set for the year 2014 to be on the first Wednesday of each month in the Watershed District office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota. All meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m. A notice of each meeting shall be published once per year in the newspapers at Roseau, Greenbush, Karlstad, Hallock and Stephen.

Red River Watershed Management Board designee: Manager Roger Anderson was appointed to the Red River Watershed Management Board with District Administrator Dan Money to be the alternate.

NRCS – MN State Technical Committee: District Administrator Dan Money was appointed to the Natural Resources Conservation Service – Minnesota State Technical Committee, and Manager Jim Kukowski was appointed as the alternate.

Manager's Salary: Salaries for Board members attendance at regular meetings for 2014 were set at the maximum according to statute (currently \$75/day). The hourly rate for manager's time spent viewing projects and other items was set at \$50/ hour not to exceed \$75 / day. The mileage reimbursement was set at the current IRS rate which changes from time to time (currently 56.5 cents/mile).

The Red River Watershed Management Board's policy pertaining to per diems according to miles driven to meetings was adopted, as follows:

- 1) For travel by a Board member for a regular meeting, special meeting, or committee meeting exceeding 100 miles and up to 200 miles shall be entitled to claim one per diem for travel in addition to the per diem for the meeting, and
- 2) for travel by a Board member for a regular meeting, special meeting, or committee meeting where Board members travel greater than 200 miles each way shall be entitled to a per diem each for the day prior and the day after a meeting, in addition to the per diem for the meeting.

The Annual Budget for 2014 was previously adopted and approved by the Board of Managers following a public hearing in September of 20123 and is contained and set forth in the minutes of the Watershed District.

The District Administrator was directed to prepare, file, and distribute the Annual Report for 2013 as required by Minnesota Statutes.

With no further business to come before the Board of Managers, the annual meeting was closed at 9:40 a.m. upon a motion by Brazier, a second by Klegstad, and a unanimous vote.

Jon Vold, Secretary

Attest:

Roger Anderson, President