

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**March 24, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by President Vavra at 9:00 a.m. Present in the District Office: Linda Vavra, Jason Beyer, Jerome Deal, John Kapphahn, Scott Gillespie, Steven Schmidt, Allen Wold. Arrived later: Ben Brutlag. Also present in the District Office: District Engineer Chad Engels, Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen, Attorney Lukas Croaker, and Administrator Jamie Beyer. Present virtually: Engineer James Guler.
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Board Manager John Kapphahn declared a conflict of interest with the Lake Samantha project.
- AGENDA** Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Schmidt and carried unanimously, the agenda was approved with the addition of Redpath Phase 1/TCD #35 Utility Relocation.
- BRUTLAG ARRIVES** Board Manager Ben Brutlag arrives.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Upon motion by Gillespie, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, the consent agenda was approved with a correction to the draft February 17, 2022 minutes to include a motion from Wold not to pay MAWD annual dues. The motioned died for a lack of a second.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Paul Wulff, Wulff Tiling, provided tiling scenarios under Public Comment, requesting clarification of the 1" drainage coefficient for surface inlets, especially in the case of prior drained wetland depressions, and permits for tiling projects that cross the District's jurisdictional boundary. Board managers referred the scenarios to the Policy Committee for future consideration. Attorney Lukas Croaker stated that changes should be considered for integration into the current draft policy document prior to formal adoption.
- 2021 AUDIT** Miranda Wendlandt, of CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the 2021 audited financial statements. Deal motioned, seconded by Kapphahn and carried unanimously, to accept the reports.
- JD #6** Administrator Beyer stated that there was only one JD#6 bond-eligible expense since the last meeting, so it will be included with a later a bond expense approval authorization.
- WCD #SUB-1** Board Manager Jason Beyer reported that he has met with WCD #Sub-1 landowners with regard to a potential improvement project. Beyer motioned, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously to authorize a landowner meeting for March 29, 2022, at 1:00 PM in Campbell, MN.
- SPRAY QUOTE** Board managers reviewed the District's spray price quote specifications. Gillespie motioned, seconded by Beyer and carried unanimously, authorizing staff to collect quotes.
- SNOWPACK/  
FLOOD UPDATE** Over the past two weeks, snowpack has melted; several creeks have crested, and drainage system waters are receding. Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen did have several systems cleared of snow and ice to prevent damage from flooding.
- 640<sup>TH</sup> ROAD RAISE** Dollymount Township is utilizing Interstate Engineering to review project conditions specified in the draft 640<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Raise Cost Share Agreement. Stakeholders, staff, and interested board managers will be meeting later in the afternoon to discuss project specifications.
- REDPATH PHASE #1 / TCD #35** Bids (opened March 15, 2022) were reviewed for Redpath Phase 1/TCD #35 Relocation. Bids ranged from \$1,989,049 to \$2,363,951. Beyer motioned, seconded by Gillespie, to authorize signature of the Notice of Award to Wagner Company, Inc. the apparent low bidder. Upon motion by Wold, seconded by Kapphahn and carried unanimously, the Proposal for Construction Materials Testing Services from Braun Intertec (technical, scientific professional services) was approved at a cost of: Phase 1 \$23,068.00 and Phase 2: \$2,998.00.
- REDPATH IMPOUNDMENT** Staff have been notified that changes have been made to the grant program created by the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority for neighboring community projects – projects must demonstrate benefits to the Diversion's staging area. It will likely take a few months before an application for funding can be submitted to the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority. The Red River Watershed Management Board recently approved the project's Step 2 Amendment, which increases the project's

eligibility for grant funding to \$15,767,000. A \$1,000,000 loan agreement will likely be presented at the April board meeting (as the project will not qualify for a grant until it has completed the Red River Watershed Management's Step 3; the loan will then be converted to a grant). Upon motion by Gillespie, seconded by Beyer and carried unanimously, payments to Traverse Electric in the amount of \$88,791 and \$29,200 were approved to move Traverse Electric utilities in advance of construction of the Redpath Impoundment Project. Engineer James Guler stated that the project's Federal 404 & 408 permits are expected by the end of March 2022. Landowner Dwight Veldhouse presented a number of questions regarding the existing Highway 9/Mustinka River area, and the changes that will be made post-impoundment construction.

- LAKE SAMANTHA** Grant County desires to obtain a MnDNR permit to drawdown Lake Samantha's water elevation 17" below the ordinary high water level pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103G.405. Staff drafted a landowner drawdown support letter that can be used for the Lake Samantha drawdown permit request.
- LTWQIP NO. 1  
PHASE #2** Video was shared of the functioning Phase 2 construction. Surveyors will soon be onsite to mark seeding extents.
- LTWQIP NO. 2  
PHASE #3** Engineering staff are waiting for Phase 3 boring results in order to finalize side slopes and setbacks to ensure a stable channel post-construction. Once the design is finished, a cost estimate can be prepared and grant applications submitted. District Engineer Chad Engels stated that a grant application was submitted to the Conservation Partners Legacy Program, but may need revisions and resubmission for the fall grant cycle. Administrator Jamie Beyer stated that Traverse County Commissioners approved submission of an AgBMP loan, if needed.
- RING DIKE  
PROGRAM** Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen stated that there are up to 20 homesteads/farmsteads that could benefit from a ring dike. Administrator Jamie Beyer testified to a Minnesota Senate Committee on behalf of a Red River Watershed Management Board bill that requests \$360,000 in state cost share funds for future ring dikes. Attorney Lukas Croaker stated that a draft policy has been drafted, but further review/input is needed.
- NORTH OTTAWA** A representative from the MnDNR has signed the North Ottawa 10-Year Operations and Maintenance Agreement. Board managers were asked if the full board or North Ottawa Committee should nominate Project Team members – board managers requested that the North Ottawa Committee work on the nominations. Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen reported that spring melt has filled Cell C. Cell B4 is currently being filled.
- FARMLAND  
LEASES** All farmland lease rentals are paid.
- JCWMP WBIF  
GRANT #1  
DISBURSEMENT** Board managers reviewed reports for the Joint Watershed Based Implementation Fund Grant C21-9685. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, a disbursement of \$26,417.42 was approved for costs incurred by the District.
- COMMITTEE  
CHANGE** Upon motion by Brutlag, seconded by Gillespie and carried unanimously, Administrator Beyer's request to change the "Buffer Committee" title to the "Soil Loss Committee" was approved.
- DISTRICT COPIER  
LEASE** The lease on the District's copier/printer has expired. Staff recommend a newer model with additional printing capabilities. Upon motion by Beyer, seconded by Gillespie and carried unanimously, a 60-month lease through Xerox for a Model C8155H was approved.
- TRAVERSE  
COUNTY  
APPOINTMENT** Traverse County Commissioners recently approved the 3-year appointment of Board Manager Jerome Deal.  
  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.