

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Vavra at 10:00 a.m. Present in the District Office: Linda Vavra, Jason Beyer, Doug Dahlen, Jerome Deal, Scott Gillespie, Steven Schmidt, Allen Wold. Absent: Benjamin Brutlag, John Kapphahn. Also present in the District Office: District Engineer Chad Engels, Engineer James Guler, Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen, and Attorney Lukas Croaker.

Attorney Croaker presented the procedure for the TCD #35 Preliminary Survey Hearing held pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 103E.261.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT & COST
ESTIMATE**

District Engineer Chad Engels described the location, history, and condition of TCD #35, and the need to relocate and improve the drainage system prior to construction of the Redpath Flood Impoundment. Engineer James Guler presented the Engineer's Preliminary Survey Report which included information on the drainage system's outlet at Fivemile Creek, the incorporation of landowner requests in the proposed project design, installation of break-outs at each mile, inclusion of 3:1 side slopes, easement acquisition, and levee construction. Engineering staff also presented a cost estimate of \$2,533,500 and potential funding sources to cover project expenses. Engineering staff recommended that construction plans include the placement of black dirt on drainage system side slopes to encourage grass establishment.

**ADVISORY
REPORT**

Engineer James Guler read the DNR Advisory Report.

**TCD #35 PUBLIC
HEARING**

Gillespie motioned, seconded by Wold and carried unanimously, to open the public hearing at 11:02 am. One landowner asked if the project will be built simultaneously with the Redpath Flood Impoundment, to which engineering staff confirmed that it will be constructed simultaneously. There were no additional comments.

**FINDINGS OF
FACT & ORDER**

Gillespie motioned, seconded by Beyer, to approve the Findings of Fact and Order, including the appointment of viewers, with the condition that engineering staff identify lands in the potential benefitting area that outlet directly to JD #14. Beyer motioned, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing.