

**Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District
Advisory Board Minutes
Bremer Bank Community Room
November 30, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by MSTRWD Administrator Nick Drees. He introduced himself as well as MSTRWD Board members that were in attendance. He also introduced county commissioners from Marshall, Polk and Pennington counties.

Those in attendance included the following individuals: Ron Adrian, Arlyn Dvergsten, Wally Diedrich, Tom Widner, Leonard Bazey, Marvin hedlund, John Nelson, David Bakke. Garret Reierson, Doug Sorenson, Tracy Anderson, Bob Baird, Dean Danielski, Jim Johnson, Sandra Simonson, Sharon Bring, Charles Naplin, Duane Vatsaas, warren Strandell, Eugene Mattson, Don Diedrich, Ben Kleinvachter, Dave Thompson, J. Myron Larson, Gerald hanson, and Curtis Carlson.

Mr. Drees passed out the 2008 Advisory minutes and an agenda for the meeting. Mr. Drees informed the group that this was their meeting as advisors to the Board of Managers and that they would need to elect a Chairman and recording Secretary for the meeting.

Mr. Drees asked for nominations for Chairman; Dean Danielski nominated Tracy Anderson and Jim Johnson seconded. There being no other nominees, Tracy Anderson was elected Chairman of the Advisory Committee. Mr. Mr. Drees then asked for nominations for recording Secretary; Tracy Anderson nominated Dean Danielski, Sandra Simonson seconded. There being no other nominees, Mr. Danielski was elected Recording Secretary.

Mr. Anderson took over the meeting and asked Administrator Drees to go thru his overview of the past year (2009) in the MSTRWD.

Mr. Drees addressed the following subjects:

a) Overall Plan Update

- 1) CAC and TAC
- 2) Meetings

b) Spring Flood

- 1) Damages
 - a) Access
 - b) FEMA

2) Solutions

- a) Flood Retention Projects
 - 1) AO #4
 - 2) PL 566
 - 3) Agassiz Valley
 - 4) Brandt/Angus

c) BWSR

- 1) Conflict resolution

d) Manager Appointments:

e) Ring Dikes

- 1) DNR Cost Share
- 2) NRCS EQUIP

f) Litigation

- 1) PL 566
- 2) AO #4 (Drews)
- 3) AVWMRP (Stengrim)
- 4) Open Meeting Violation (Stengrim)
- 5) Managers/Managers
- 6) Managers/Managers-Staff
- 7) Ritoch

g) 2010

- 1) Complete Overall Plan Update
- 2) Brandt/Angus Funding
- 3) Red River
- 4) CRP
- 5) Water Quality
- 6) Ring Dikes
- 7) Ditch Systems

Questions or Comments:

There was discussion on the issue of conflict resolution and the need for the Managers to take some sort of orientation training or have District policies in place when new members come on the Board.

Flood Plain mapping was discussed and how individuals could have input into the process.

Chairman Anderson and the group offered their appreciation to the Board and Staff of the District.

The issue of funding for bridge/culvert replacement by townships was discussed. This presents a huge financial burden on townships.

East Park Wildlife Management Area /Nelson Slough project was brought up for discussion. Can the site be used better for flood control (Operating Plan). Agencies work together.

The issue of CRP contracts expiring in the near future and what effect that will have on requests for improved drainage and/or flooding was discussed. The consensus of the ag producers present was that CRP retains moisture (sponge) and probably has made flooding worse.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. M/S/C – Don Diedrich, Ben Kleinwachter

Dean Danielski
Recording Secretary