

APPROVED (June 7, 2010)

Nick Drees informed John and Linda Bodell that the District has applied for a permit to clean the coulee (South branch of the Snake River) from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and that the District has not received it yet. He also reported that the gate has been shut down, temporarily, on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Lon Aune and Don Loeslie joined the meeting at approximately 4:32 p.m.

John and Linda Bodell left the meeting at approximately 4:36 p.m.

Ron Osowski joined the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Lon Aune discussed the permit application (10-013) and stated he had met with the landowners and that it appears that the area needs further observation.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following permit be denied, until Marshall County can review the area and make some recommendations:

1. Permit (10-013) of Mark Anderson to remove (3) 24" culverts and install (3) 42" culverts or larger, on the North side of MCSAH #5, at the ½ mile line, in the S2 of section 35 and 36 of Eagle Point Township and to install (1) 36" culvert next to the existing 36" culvert in the SE SE of section 34 of Eagle Point Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the following permit be tabled until further information is obtained:

2. Permit (10-015) of Allan Smith/Eagle Point Township to remove a 24" culvert on the East side of Minnesota Trunk Highway #220 and to install a 36" culvert, in the SW SW of section 27, of Eagle Point Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Lon Aune left the meeting at approximately 5:27 p.m.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following permit be approved:

3. Permit (10-014) to American Crystal Sugar to install 3 lines of 4" socked drain tile adjacent to the concrete storage pads and to install a lift station at the west end with a 110 GMP pump, in the SW SW of section 9 of Bloomer Township.

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Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the following permit be issued:

4. Permit (10-016) to Higdem Township to repair the township road over Judicial Ditch #68, in the NE NE of section 32 of Higdem Township. This work has been completed prior to receiving a permit and was done for safety factors.

Motion unanimously carried.

Don Loeslie addressed the Board regarding the permit application he submitted on May 14, 2010.

The Board informed Mr. Loeslie that the permit was submitted too late for the District staff to review and that the Board would address the permit application at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Don Loeslie left the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Ron Osowski reported on the meeting being held with the North Dakota Joint Water Commission and representatives of the Red River Watershed Management Board, concerning forming a Joint Powers Board to address the flooding issues within the Red River of the North. He stated meetings are currently being scheduled with Legislators to discuss the flooding issues and to address Federal funding.

Correspondence was distributed from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning the MAWD Summer Tour scheduled for June 24-26, 2010; from the Red River Basin Commission regarding the June 2 and June 3 Board Meeting and Tour; and from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning a Water Management Summit scheduled for July 12, 2010 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. In addition, the News and Views of the Red River Watershed Management Board and a newsletter from the Northwest Regional Development Commission were also distributed.

Nick Drees stated that he has received three data practice requests and that copies would be provided to those interested in receiving them.

Nick Drees reported that he is waiting for a FEMA representative to inspect the damage caused by the spring flood on Judicial Ditch #75; and that the repairs have been completed on Judicial Ditch #68 in conjunction with Higdem Township.

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Nick Drees reported that Ben Kleinwachter, Roger Hille, Ron Adrian and himself met to revamp the "draft" District Wide Goals and Policies for the District's Overall Plan. Copies of the revamped "draft", with the proposed changes were distributed to the Board for review, with recommendations and comments to be submitted to the District Administrator.

Nick Drees reported that he has contacted a contractor to repair some erosion areas on the banks of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project; that an agreement to repair the crossing on section line 17/20 of Helgeland Township, has been mailed to Mike Peterka for his signature; and that upon the recommendation of the District's legal counsel, the property taxes have been paid for section 7 of Comstock (Strip) and section 12 of McCrea (Strip) Township.

Nick Drees reported that a meeting was held with various permitting Agencies regarding the Brandt/Angus Impoundment Project, and that the Engineer for the project is optimistic that the final Engineer's report will be completed and bids will be let this fall.

Nick Drees gave a brief update on the status of the EQIP Ring Dike program, and stated that the final designs of the dikes are nearing completion.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Red River Watershed Management Board is scheduled for May 18, 2010 at the Wild Rice Watershed District.

The District's legal counsel report was presented by Nick Drees. In the report, Jeff Hane reported that Loren Zutz and Elden Elseth have submitted an en blanc appeal with the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals; that the open meeting lawsuit of Jim Stengrim has been remanded back to Judge Remrick; and that he had nothing to report on the Manager's lawsuit. He also suggested the Board consider adopting a policy regarding recording of the Board meetings and also an Open Meeting Policy.

It was the consensus of the Board to add to the next regular meeting agenda the items of recording equipment and policy and the Open Meeting Policy.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the District's Travel Policy follow the US General Services Administration guidelines for meals and lodging. Motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that the Minnesota Association of Watershed District's Summer Tour is scheduled for June 24-June 26, 2010, and the Manager's should let the office know by June 18th if they are interested in attending.

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Nick Drees discussed the letter the District received from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources regarding BWSR's continued assistance with the Performance Review and Assistance Program.

Nick Drees inquired if the Board of Managers could adopt a policy regarding diking issues and unauthorized works performed within the District.

Nick Drees was directed to check on diking policies of other Watershed Districts and report back to the Board.

Nick Drees stated that a meeting was held with FEMA representatives; that the air conditioner has been installed; that a TV for visual aids has not been ordered and that he has checked into the possibility of a Smart Board in place of a TV; and that the new vehicle will be here in a couple of weeks.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that Nick Drees be authorized to purchase, for the District, a Smart Board for visual presentations. Motion unanimously carried.

The dedication of the Richard P Nelson Memorial and the Agassiz Valley Watershed Management Project has been scheduled for July 19, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

It was announced that the Equipment Rental Proposals for the 2010 construction season were publicly opened at 1:00 p.m., on May 17, 2010.

The next regular meetings of the Board of Managers are scheduled for June 7, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., and June 21, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Ben Kleinwachter
Secretary