

APPROVED (as corrected Aug 16, 2010)
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
4:00 P.M. AUGUST 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Sorenson. Managers Doug Sorenson, John W Nelson, Alvin Nybladh, Marvin Hedlund, David Bakke, Roger Hille and Ben Kleinwachter were present. Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian, Tony Nordby, Loren Zutz, Jim Stengrim, and Wallace Diedrich were also present.

Loren Zutz taped the meeting with one recorder.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Connie Kujawa be appointed the recording secretary for purposes of keeping the minutes of the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting be approved as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Jeff Monroe and John Johnson joined the meeting at approximately 4:04 p.m.

Harvey Loeslie joined the meeting at approximately 4:07 p.m.

Wallace Diedrich addressed the Board during the open forum session. He stated that he has a request from the Brislet Township Board of Supervisors requesting the District cost share with Brislet Township the cost of graveling one mile of township roadway (section line 13/24).

After discussion, the Board agreed to pay ½ of the graveling bill upon receipt of the bill.

Jim Stengrim inquired if agenda items #6 and #11 would be addressing the same issue and requested that one of the agenda items be scratched.

Jim Stengrim was informed that the agenda item would not be altered or changed.

Harvey Loeslie, John Johnson and others discussed the procedure required to add properties to the benefited area of Judicial Ditch #25-1.

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After discussion, it was the District's recommendation that Harvey Loeslie solicit signatures for landowner(s) support of the lands to be included in the benefited area of Judicial Ditch #25-1.

John Johnson stated he would like the District to initiate the project and also requested that an overview of the lands that would be affected be prepared.

A meeting with the District staff, Mr. Marvin Hedlund and interested landowners would also be scheduled as soon as weather permits to discuss this issue.

Jim Stengrim questioned what statutory procedure the District is planning to follow regarding this issue.

Janeen Stenso joined the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Charlie Anderson joined the meeting at approximately 4:12 p.m.; and two other individuals joined the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Brian Jadeke and 2 others joined the meeting at approximately 4:28 p.m.

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

1. Permit (10-029) to Van Hapka to remove a plugged 18" field crossing culvert and replace with (1) 18" culvert and to remove sediment from the East side of the township road ditch, in the NW4 of section 6 of Brandt Township and the SW4 of section 31 of Helgeland Township, provided the District set the elevation of the culvert.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following permit be granted:

2. Permit (10-030) to John W Nelson and Craig Jones to install 240 acres of field drain tile and to install (2) 840 gpm pumps, in the SW4 and a portion of the NW4 of section 5 of Oak Park (Strip) Township.

Motion carried, with Mr. John W Nelson abstaining.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the following permit be granted:

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3. Permit (10-031) to Neil Widner to install a field crossing with an 18" culvert, on the West side of the township road, in the NE4, of section 33 of Tamarac Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following permit be granted:

4. Permit (10-032) to Justin Gajeski to remove the failing field crossing and 24" culvert, and replace with (1) 24" culvert, at the same elevation, in the East township road ditch in the SW NW of section 19 of Donnelly Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Janeen Stenso briefly discussed the mission and objectives of the Red River Basin Commission.

Charlie Anderson conducted a slide show presentation of the Red River Basin Commission Basin Wide Flood Flow Reduction Strategy. He reported that flows on the Red River could be decreased 20% on the main stem by implementing holding reservoirs and impoundment areas. He also stated the Red River Basin is matching up to \$10,000 cost share to Watershed District to perform modeling within their District.

Charlie Anderson and Janeen Stenso left the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Nick Drees reported that following the July 19, 2010 board meeting the staff checked for sediment in the reroute ditch of the Off-Channel Storage Site. The survey showed that there was not an unreasonable amount of sediment in the ditch. He stated that the ditch will be mowed and sprayed.

Nick Drees stated that the District Staff has conducted an inspection of the Main Branch of Judicial Ditch #15, and the drainage issue appears to be caused by cattails and built-up deposits in the ditch. He also reported that a landowner along Branch G of Judicial Ditch #15 is requesting an extension to a 30" culvert on a field crossing at station 7 + 15.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Nick Drees be authorized to replace the 30" culvert on Judicial Ditch #15, Branch G and to clean and spray, where necessary, approximately 3 miles of Judicial Ditch #15, Main. Motion unanimously carried.

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Nick Drees reported that he has been contacted by Brandt Township inquiring if the District would be willing to cost share to replace a culvert, on Judicial Ditch #25-2, under the township road, downstream of the Angus/Oslo #4 Impoundment. No action was taken by the Board.

Wallace Diedrich inquired if the last 1 ½ miles of Judicial Ditch #25-2 could be cleaned. He was informed the District has plans to clean the 1 ½ miles and that the upstream mile will be examined for potential cleaning.

Nick Drees reported that repairs are being completed on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. He also stated that a billing of \$465.00 has been received by the District, for the permit application submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to clean the South Branch of the Snake River at the outlet of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

A discussion was held concerning the need to secure a permanent easement with the landowner along the South Branch of the Snake River prior to making restitution to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the permit fee.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the District pay the \$465.00 permit fee to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to clean the South Branch of the Snake River (outlet Channel) of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Mr. Roger Hille opposed the motion unless a permanent easement is received from the landowner.

Mr. John W Nelson amended the motion and seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the District secure a permanent easement from Arlyn Stroble for the properties along the outlet channel (South Branch of the Snake River) of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project and that the permit fee of \$465.00 be paid to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources upon receipt of the signed easement. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported he attended the Polk County Commissioner meeting and it appears that the County would be favorable to turning the jurisdiction of Polk County Ditch #43 and Polk County Ditch #44 over to the District, as part of the Brandt/Angus Project.

Nick Drees stated that he has been contacted by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts requesting the District and the Red Lake Watershed District host the 2011 Summer Tour. Nick Drees suggested hosting the 2011 Summer tour jointly with the Red Lake Watershed District.

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Motion by Mr. John Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the District host the 2011 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Annual Tour, jointly, with the Red Lake Watershed District. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that the present landowner of the irrigated properties in sections 19 and 30 of Comstock Township has been informed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that no further pumping from the irrigation wells will be permitted until the well issue of Darlene Olson is resolved.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Ben Kleinwachter
Secretary