

APPROVED (as corrected December 20, 2010)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
4:10 P.M. NOVEMBER 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Sorenson. Managers Alvin Nybladh, David Bakke, John W Nelson, Marvin Hedlund, Doug Sorenson, Ben Kleinwachter and Roger Hille were present; Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian, Ron Osowski, Curtis Carlson, Nate Dalager, LeRoy Vonasek, Larry Rud, Harvey Loeslie, Brian Jadeke, Craig Bunes, Tony Nordby, Wallace Diedrich, Loren Zutz and Jim Stengrim were also present.

Loren Zutz taped the meeting with one recorder.

Jerry Hermreck joined the meeting at approximately 4:03 p.m.

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. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative funds: that payroll checks numbered 5081 through 5092 inclusive for a total of \$13,429.23; and checks numbered 14754 through 14788, including the service charge for a total of \$35,183.05; from the Project funds that checks numbered 1911 through 1925 for a total of \$177,698.34; from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 2448 through 2449 for a total of \$1,794.50; and from the RRWMB funds, that check number 137 for a total of \$11,704.92 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Brian Jadeke addressed the Board during the Open Forum. He stated that due to the construction of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project he has lost CRP income and inquired if the District had a plan to manage the bird population at the Impoundment.

Nick Drees was directed to contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for their recommendations on controlling the bird population at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. This item is to be added to the next regular meeting of the Board.

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Jim Stengrim addressed the Board citing his interpretation of the Engineer's Report of Judicial Ditch #25-1, dated 1910, regarding the design of the bridge and stating the ownership of the bridge on Judicial Ditch #25-1, in the Southeast corner of Section 1 of McCrea (Strip) Township, is the Ditch Authority's responsibility. He also commented that replacing the bridge with the proposed 48" culvert is not adequate.

Loren Zutz discussed the permit (10-068) granted to Terrance Picha to clean the sediment out of the South township road ditch in Section 13 of Helgeland Township; and he inquired what the process would be to drain waters into the benefited area of Judicial Ditch #25-1. Nick Drees stated that the permit issued to Terrance Picha was not to remove sediment. The Board stated there are two ways to drain waters into the benefited area, they are to petition into the benefited area or to redetermine the benefits of Judicial Ditch #25-1.

Harvey Loeslie discussed the drainage issues in Section 7 of Viking Township and inquired if the culvert could be plugged.

The Board directed Nick Drees to contact Harvey Loeslie and assess the drainage issue in Section 7 of Viking Township.

Elden Elseth joined the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the following permit be tabled, pending the District contact the affected landowners and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for further information:

1. Permit (10-075) of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to mill and bituminous overlay Minnesota Trunk Highway #1, from 3 miles East of Oslo to Warren, and to replace the failing culverts, as specified in the road plan submitted with the permit application.

Motion unanimously carried.

Dave Lind joined the meeting at approximately 4:48 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the following request to amend permit (10-069) of Dave Lind be denied, due to the significant change in the request to change the culvert location.

2. Permit (10-069) of Dave Lind to AMEND the permit granting the installation of (1) 30" culvert, in the East ditch of Minnesota Trunk Highway #220, with the installation of (3) 18" culverts thru the cartway in the NW SW, of Section 17 of Sandsville Township.

Motion carried, with Mr. John Nelson, Mr. Alvin Nybladh and Mr. Marvin Hedlund voting no.

Dave Lind left the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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

3. Permit (10-076) to Solem Farms to remove an 18" township road centerline culvert and backfill the trench, on the north side of the farmyard, to drain water south from the 18" culvert to a failing 15" culvert; to remove the failing 15" township road centerline culvert and install a 24" culvert, in the SE SW, of Section 20 of Higdem Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

4. Permit (10-077) to Solem Farms to remove sediment from between the railroad and Minnesota Trunk Highway #1, in the NE of Section 1 of Oak Park (Strip) Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

5. Permit (10-078) to Jeff Chwialkowski to install an 18" culvert in a dry crossing, provided an 18" trap is installed on the outlet end of the culvert, in the NE NE of Section 1 of Oak Park (Strip) Township;

Motion unanimously carried.

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

6. Permit (10-079) to Roger L Mathsen to lower 1' and lengthen the existing 18" field crossing culvert by 20', in the SE SW; and to install a 24" culvert in a dry field crossing in the SW SW, of section 15 of Esther Township, contingent upon the works not interfering with Project 60.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

7. Permit (10-080) to Douglas Peterson to remove a plugged 21" field crossing culvert and replace it with an 18" culvert, at the same grade, on the ½ mile line, in the SE SW, of section 15 of Northland Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

8. Permit (10-081) to Steve Moen to lower an 18" township road centerline culvert by 0.6', into Judicial Ditch #1, at station 52+91, in the NE NE, of section 25 of Higdem Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence from the University of Minnesota concerning the Minnesota 11th Annual Drainage Research Forum scheduled for November 23, 2010 in Owatonna, Minnesota, was distributed.

Nick Drees stated that the Data Practice Requests from Jim Stengrim pertaining to the Judicial Ditch #25-1 bridge and the District's correspondence to Jim Stengrim is available to those who wish to review them.

Nick Drees reported that the cleaning of 1 mile of Judicial Ditch #15, Main Branch, has been completed and that the culvert on Judicial Ditch #15 Main and Branch G, should be installed this week.

Nick Drees reported that the cleaning of the coulee (South Branch of the Snake River) on the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project has been completed; that the draw down of the Impoundment should be completed by the 18th of November; and that Houston Engineering will be reviewing improving the drainage thru Section 2 of McCrea Strip this winter.

Nate Dalager reported that the wetland delineation on the Brandt/Angus Project is proceeding; that a permitting meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2010, at Bemidji, Minnesota; that the hearing regarding jurisdiction of Polk County Ditch #43 and Polk County Ditch #44 is scheduled for November 18, 2010, in Crookston, Minnesota; and meetings with the landowners along the coulee and outlet will continue to be held.

Curtis Carlson left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Ron Osowski gave a brief report of the meetings of the Red River Retention Authority.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by M. Roger Hille that Ron Osowski be reappointed to serve as the District's representative on the Red River Watershed Management Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2010, at the Wild Rice Watershed District, in Ada, Minnesota.

The News and Views of the Red River Watershed Management Board were distributed.

There was no report from the District's Legal Counsel.

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Mr. Doug Sorenson distributed a spreadsheet depicting the past history of the District's Employee compensation. The Board was directed to review this information and provide recommendations regarding employee compensation, at the next regular meeting.

There was no report on the Northwest Regional Development Commission meeting that was held on October 28, 2010.

Nick Drees reported that a meeting with Brian Dwight, of the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources and Mark Aanenson, of Houston Engineering, regarding the District's Overall Plan, is scheduled for November 17, 2010, at the District office.

Nick Drees informed the Board that the District has recognized Employees who have been employed with the District for 20 years. He informed the Board that the Administrative Assistant has 23 years of employment with the District and has not been recognized.

Nick Drees was directed to provide some recommendations for recognition of the 23 years of employment by the Administrative Assistant, for the next board meeting.

Marvin Hedlund reported that a portion of 200th St NW, West of Polk County #22, is not in compliance with the Red River Ag Levee Joint Compliance Agreement, in Higdem Township. He stated that meetings are being held in an attempt to amend, Finding 5, of the Joint Compliance Agreement.

Loren Zutz inquired if the Board would consider installing traps on the field inlet pipes, on the North inlet ditch, of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. This matter is to be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting.

Mr. Doug Sorenson announced that the next regular meetings of the Board of Managers are scheduled for December 6, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., provided there is sufficient business; and December 20, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Ben Kleinwachter
Secretary