

Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District
Judicial Ditch #14 – Watershed Planning
Project Work Team Minutes
Wednesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 am
Viking Diner
Viking, MN

A Project Team meeting of the JD14 Project Team was held on September 29, 2020 at the Viking Diner. Those present: Greg Drydahl (Landowner), Brad Blawat (MSTRWD Manager), David Bakke (MSTRWD Manager), Graig Jarnot (ACOE), Matt Fischer (BWSR), Tony Nordby (Houston Engineering), Joel Praska (MSTRWD) and Sharon Bring (Marshall County Commissioner). Debra Walchuck (NRCS) attended virtually.

Tony Nordby began the presentation by reviewing the last meeting that was held. Since that time, Concurrence Point 2 was approved by the Army Corp of Engineers. Concurrence Point 3 was developed and submitted.

Tony highlighted the next steps in the RCPP process; formulate alternatives, evaluate the alternatives, and decide on which alternative to proceed with. As things stand, only 6 alternatives were carried forward to today. The remaining alternatives were eliminated because they don't meet the purpose and needs or had excessive wetland impacts.

It was stated that with Alternative #11 is looking to be the preferred alternative. Alternative #11 meets all purpose and needs for the project and the 2 landowners are ok with the idea of a project occurring on their property.

It was asked if JD #14 would be improved as part of the project itself. Tony stated that it would not, but it would open the door for landowners to petition for a ditch improvement.

Craig Jarnot stated that Concurrence Point #3 needs to move forward and suggested to try do some wetland delineation as soon as this fall.

Moving forward, the District will continue discussions with landowners involved in Alternative #11. The draft of Concurrence Point #3 is entering a review period with a deadline for comments on October 13. Field work needs to be done for wetland delineation and survey work to start conceptual designs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

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