

**Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP Project Work Team Meeting  
November 10, 2021 4:00 p.m. Strandquist Community Center**

The meeting was held to provide an update to landowners at where the project is at.

**Meeting attendees:**

Paul Anderson, Lincoln Twp  
Nancy McCullough, City of Strandquist  
Brad Blawat, MSTRWD  
Bill Petersen, MSTRWD  
Jason Wollin, MN DNR  
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County Commissioner  
Larry Nybladh, Marshall County Commissioner  
Kevin Roppe, Landowner  
Alex Roppe, Landowner  
Charlotte Koehmstedt, Landowner  
David Koehmstedt, Landowner  
Julian Stusynski, Landowner  
Ben Kleinwachter, Landowner  
Eric Oistad, Landowner  
Bruce Oistad, Landowner  
Neil Widner, Landowner  
Lyle Braff, Lincoln Twp  
Dave Clark, Lincoln Twp  
Arlyn Dvergsten, Huntly Twp  
Joan Dvergsten, Huntly Twp

Mori Maher, MSTRWD Administrator called the meeting to order and gave a brief introduction including the agenda. Maher then turned the meeting over to Tony Nordby of Houston Engineering Inc.

Tony provided some background information on the last Project Work Team Meeting in February of 2020. He also provided some information on the history of the project, with the Tamarac Project work Team being active from 2013-2015 and the JD #19 RCPP Watershed planning team being active from October 2016-Present.

Tony provided a recap of the purpose and need for the project team and through several alternatives, ultimately leading to a preferred alternative. He then reviewed the current

design and existing issues with the Nelson Slough site, primarily channel erosion, bank stabilization and downstream flooding of the outlet structure.

He then highlighted the desired design for a new outlet structure and the proposed repair work upstream and downstream of Nelson Slough on JD #19. Nordby also gave a brief overview a draft O&M plan that is being developed with DNR staff.

It was asked why the DNR wants to hold the water levels at 1102.3', it was their thought that the site is always full of cattails and they don't see any nesting birds.

Larry Nybladh, Marshall County Commissioner stated that the County Commissioners had a concern with the lack of input from the PWT and the local residents since the last meeting. He stated that the Commissioners have not been involved with the draft O&M and they would have discussions with County Engineer Lon Aune to discuss what has been talked about.

Before closing, discussion was held regarding the estimated total cost of the project, a constant outflow pipe into JD #19, the draft O&M and potential downstream trigger points.

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