

June 3, 2024 (a)

APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD VIRTUALLY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS AND AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE
8:30 a.m. **June 3, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Keith Szczepanski, Robert Kovar, Jared Sands, Brad Blawat and Lein Schiller were present. Mori Maher, Kyle Schломann, Katrina Haugen, Danny Omdahl, Tyler Larson, Rolland Miller, Jeff Hane, Dawson Lindahl, Gunnar Bowman, Steve Nelson and Tony Nordby were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Lein Schiller, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 20, 2024 Board of Managers Meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to approve the following permit with the finding that the technical staff do not see any undue harm occurring because of the installation, pending approval by the County.

Permit (24-021) Arveson Twp (A: To install an 18" flapgate on the south side of an 18" CSP on W.S. and B: install a 24" flapgate on the south side of a 24" CSP on the E.S. of US Hwy #59, that drain southerly into SD 90 Lateral 5, from the SW4 Sec 32 Arveson to the NW4 Lincoln Township).

Motion unanimously carried.

Joey McGregor joined the meeting at approximately 8:35 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve the following permit:

Permit (24-032) Tim Sedlacek to install 150 acres drain tile, 1/4" D.C., 40' spacing, 7.5 HP 705 GPM pump, into a 15" dual wall pipe, outletting into east 410 Ave NW ditch, in the NW4 Section 2 Vega Strip Township).

Motion unanimously carried.

Gunnar Bowman left the meeting at approximately 8:41 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to set a reconsideration hearing date for the following Permit on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN:

Request for reconsideration of Permit 24-025 Robert Mager to raise an existing 18" field crossing culvert, in the east 430 Ave NW ditch, near the half mile line, in the NW4 of Section 16 Vega Township. The culvert would be a point lower than Chris Broz yard to protect the yard during high water.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to approve the following permit:

Permit (24-034) WJS Nelson to jack a 24" centerline pipe through CSAH #22, from the SW SE Section 12 into WD #5, into the NW NE of Section 13 Esther Township).

Motion unanimously carried.

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The following Administratively approved Permits were reviewed:

Permit (24-031) Ed Honek to lower an existing farmyard 15" culvert draining northerly into WD #5 at Sta 392+38, in the NE4 Section 14 Northland Township.

Permit (24-033) Ottertail Power Company to install a new crossing with an 18" CSP in the SW of section 27 Viking Township.

Steve Nelson left the meeting at approximately 8:53 a.m.

A Petition was received for the partial abandonment of Polk County Ditch #175. Discussion was held regarding how to proceed with the hearing and the process of the partial abandonment and renaming the ditch as its own system. A hearing date will be set at the June 17, 2024 Board meeting.

Tony Nordby reviewed a Technical memo that was put together by Houston Engineering updating the datum to 1988 datum for PCD #175.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to accept the report prepared by Houston Engineering on the 3 mile stretch of PCD #175 Dated May 24, 2024. Motion unanimously carried.

Operations Manager Danny Omdahl updated the Board on Olson Construction; Abe is done brushwacking on JD #1 at the Red River and is currently on PCD #175, at the Red River. He will be moving to JD 75 next.

A verbal request was made To Op. Manager Omdahl by the landowner on Section 15 Angus township for a culvert and flapgate (SWI) on CD #43. The landowner Since there is no written request, and since the West Polk SWCD stated there was no rejection of his project, Maher asked Omdahl to let the landowner request in writing while the SWCD is working on his case.

An update on the SD #3 Redetermination of Benefits Property Owners' Report being mailed out was provided by Administrator Maher.

Tony Nordby presented a design for a portion of SD #3 in Bloomer Twp section 6 to address the sluffing and install tile to the south of the ditch slope to prevent future sluffing. Nordby provided a cost estimate of approximately \$230,000 but that is a rough estimate at this time as the design is not finalized.

Administrator Maher presented a public waters permit from Minnesota DNR for \$12,000 for the Swift Coulee Project. This permit is for Phase 1 of the project.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to authorize the payment of \$12,000 for the Public Waters Permit with the DNR. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Maher provided a Design proposal from YHR Partners for \$45,900 for the addition and remodel of the office building.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to accept the proposal from YHR Partners and proceed with the Architectural and Engineering Services. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Maher reviewed David Jadeke's request to graze cattle at AGV.

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Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to approve David Jadeke's request for the Grazing of AGV, and to authorize Administrator Maher to execute an agreement with David Jadeke. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to adopt a resolution for an easement application on the outlet structure for Nelson Slough with the MN DNR. Motion unanimously carried.

Jim Duckstad and Dillon Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 10:02 a.m.

Dillon Nelson provided an update on the construction progress at the Newfolden Impoundment.

A 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Marshall County SWCD office.

Operations Manager Danny Omdahl provided an update after looking at damaged spoilbank locations along JD #28 with Rick and Jack Beito. Repairs to the spoilbank trail were agreed upon between the Beito's and the District.

The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers meeting Monday, June 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.
2. RRWMB meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN.
3. SD #3 Redetermination of Benefits Public Hearing Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Argyle Community Center.
4. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, July 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:16 a.m.

Katrina Haugen
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Secretary