

May 6, 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. May 6, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat, Keith Szczepanski, Robert Kovar, Joey McGregor, Jared Sands and Lein Schiller were present. Mori Maher, Kyle Schlomann, Katrina Haugen, Danny Omdahl, Tyler Larson, Jim Duckstad, Rolland Miller and Tony Nordby were also present. Jeff Hane attended virtually

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to approve the Agenda with the addition of JD #75 quotes. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to approve the Meeting Minutes from the April 22, 2024 Board of Managers Meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Kaitlyn Bjornson joined the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to deny the following permit to wait for confirmation if the diagonal pipe that was installed in 2021 is providing sufficient drainage:

Permit (24-025) Robert Mager to raise an existing crossing and 18" culvert near the half mile line, in the NW4 of Section 16 Vega Township. Culvert to be a point lower than Chris Broz yard to protect the yard during high water.

Motion unanimously carried.

Roger Beiswenger, Rob Wagner and Mike Baumgardner joined the meeting at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to approve the following permit:

Permit (24-026) Gayle Stoltman to install 5 acres of drain tile to tie into tile from Permit 23-075, with ¼" drainage coefficient; 40' spacings; to gravity outlet through a 12" steel pipe into the Middle River

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to approve the following permit:

Permit (24-027) Jeff Steer to install 159 acres of field drain tile with 3/8" drainage coefficient; 50' and 100' spacing; a 15-HP (1,128 GPM) pump; and an 8" PVC outlet pipe mounted on the ground surface to outlet into the Angus Oslo #4 Impoundment's East Bypass Ditch.

Motion was unanimously carried.

The following Administratively approved Permit was reviewed:

Permit (24-024) Anthony Kostrzewski to move an existing field crossing approach to CSAH #6 in the SE4 to the East edge of the farmyard in the SW4 of Section 2 Wagner Township. Also to install a new field crossing and culvert on the quarter line.

Roger Beiswenger, Rob Wagner and Mike Baumgardner were in attendance to file their Viewers' Report for SD #3 with the Board of Managers. The viewers provided their report and answered questions from the Board.

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Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to set a Public Hearing for the SD #3 Redetermination of Benefits for Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:30 at the Argyle Community Center.

Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson joined the Meeting at approximately 9:17 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the CD #43 repair scheduled for this year. A landowner is concerned regarding the ditch capacity with the installation of rock structures and not addressing the slopes of the ditch. Tony Nordby stated that the repair is to stabilize the ditch bottom. The rock structures will stabilize the ditch bottom to return it to its original grade. With the Ditch currently in debt, the Board decided to move forward with the rock structures and address the slopes when the ditch has more money. It was brought up if Sec 6 Angus is a pinch point because of improvements made both upstream and downstream. Danny Omdahl said CD #43 is much wider in Section 6 than it is upstream in Section 8. He stated it resembles JD #75. It was the consensus of the Board to continue with the current repair of installing rock structures to stabilize the ditch bottom.

Operations Manager Omdahl reviewed repairs that have taken place and rip rap needed for centerline culverts and the field drainage culverts on WD #5 and WD #6. The Board agreed that centerline culvert scours will be repaired this year and the field drain scours will be repaired as needed.

Engineering Technician Larson provided updated information and photos of JD #14 where the ditch runs along the NPRR tracks. NPRR is currently maintaining brush and working to stabilize the slope with riprap.

Omdahl updated the Board regarding JD 14 Br B sediment removal done a number of years ago and after the spoil was spread out, the CRP buffer needed reseeded. The owner reseeded the spoil, instead of contacting the staff. Mr. Omdahl suggested contacting the person to reimburse them for their cost. The Board agreed.

Larson spoke on the new sluffing at the 2023 JD #75 outlet repair. Tony Nordby suggested repairing the locations with geogrid. Discussion was held regarding a potential Petition on the JD #75 system and if the repair should be done now or wait for a Petition. Manager Sands discussed brushing the JD #75 outlet. Staff said the trees were left to not risk erosion to the 3 weirs. The Board consented to remove the trees.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to accept the quote from Olson Construction for works on JD #75 in E2 Section 2 Tabor Township in the amount of \$101,674.90.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Maher discussed the RIM program for the Swift Coulee Project. He brought up the ability of the Board to utilize Eminent Domain to acquire lands and what the impacts to the Project would be. Next, Maher discussed Tracy Anderson's Section 3 McCrea Twp, located in the Phase II area. He stated he applied for a water storage grant from BWSR for an approximate \$940,000, 80 acre feet in a 10 year event and 340 acre feet in a 100 year event, impoundment on Mr. Anderson's land in.

Kaitlyn Bjornson left the meeting at approximately 10:50 (virtual)

Dillon Nelson provided an update on the progress of the City of Newfolden Flood Prevention Project.

Tony Nordby updated the Board on the Nelson Slough Project outlet structure. Jared Sands asked about having automated gates installed to minimize the staff's onsite frequency. Because electrical service isn't present at the site, Tony was asked to come up with a cost estimate for electricity to the outlet. Administrator Maher provided an update on the Joint Powers Agreement with the DNR.

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Administrator Maher will assist in clarifying who has the authority of the 425 St NW access road on the West side of the Project. Maher will work on the land easement for the District's ownership of the outlet structure. An open house will be scheduled to inform the public on the Project's status, at the beginning of August.

Discussion was held regarding the JD #28 landowner meeting in Middle River on April 18<sup>th</sup>. District staff will develop a maintenance plan and cost estimate based on the Ditch Report.

Maher and Omdahl provided an update from Polk County Emergency Manager Jody Beauchane on the Kevin Klipping rural house buyout process.

Joey McGregor left the meeting at approximately 11:28 a.m.

Maher provided an update on the potential Office addition from Widseth Architects.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to move forward on Option E, going the full length on the west side of the building and request a design proposal from Widseth.

Administrator Maher provided a legislative update regarding Project funding on Nelson Slough.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to renew 3 CDs at American Federal for 3 months at an interest rate of 4.95%

Motion unanimously carried

President Bill Petersen provided an update from the Red River Watershed Management Board.

Administrator Maher stated that he would be requesting funds from 1W1P to repair the JD #15 outlet.

Attorney Hane apprised the Board regarding ongoing legal issues.

The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers meeting Monday, May 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.
2. RRWMB meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN.
3. MSTRWD regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, June 3, 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 11:43 a.m.

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Katrina Haugen  
Recording Secretary

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Brad Blawat  
Secretary