

November 4, 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.** **November 4, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Keith Szczepanski, Lein Schiller, and Brad Blawat were present. Mori Maher, Kyle Schlomann, Katrina Haugen, Danny Omdahl, Tony Nordby, Robert Mager and Karen Mager were also in attendance. Jeff Hane was in attendance online.

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

Joey McGregor joined the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2024, meeting, as presented, with spelling corrections. Motion unanimously carried.

Rolland Miller, Jared Sands, and Gunnar Bowman joined the meeting at approximately 8:34 a.m.

Robert and Karen Mager were in attendance to discuss denied permit 24-077. Robert asked for direction on how to proceed as his last two permits have been denied. Mager has been submitting permits based off the staff's recommendations to address his drainage issues. Discussion was held regarding the process of submitting a JD #20 Petition for Improvement. Discussion was held regarding if JD #20 main was cleaned to the original grade as intended or if there was a mistake on the survey that was done for the cleaning.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve removing the 24" CSP and replacing it with a 30" and no change to the existing 30" culvert.

Permit 24-085 Larry Dziengel to remove a 30" CSP under 280th Ave NW, on S.L. 24/19 Augsburg/Nelson Park Township and a 24" CSP under farm driveway in the SW SW of Section 19 Nelson Park Township and to replace with new 30" pipes in both locations. Motion unanimously carried.

Robert and Karen Mager left the meeting at approximately 9:06 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Jared Sands, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to table the following Permit for more information:

Permit 24-091 Nathan Wesolowski to remove an existing 18" CSP field drain culvert with flap gate that outlets to Watershed Ditch #6, near Station 417+36 in the NW NE of Section 24 Northland Township, and to replace it with proposed 24" culvert and flap gate. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to table the following permit for discussions with the landowner:

Permit 24-093 Mike Tiedemann to remove an existing crossing with a 24" CSP, in the South 130th St NW ditch, at the 80 rod line of the NE4 of Section 23 Angus Township. Motion unanimously carried

The following permits were Administratively approved and reviewed:

Permit 24-088 Richard Beito to remove and replace (2) - 18" side water inlet culverts on Judicial Ditch #28 (Stations 637+02 & 619+55) and to install a new side water inlet culvert in an existing open swale near Station 609+38, all in the W2 W2 of Section 12 Como Township

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Permit 24-090 Kongsvinger Church to install a surface water sump pump that will outlet to JD #75 via a 4" pipe through the spoilbank in the NW4 of Section 2 Esther Township

Permit 24-092 Brent Halfmann to remove a failing 12" field crossing culvert in the N. ditch along 350th St NW, in the SE4 SW4 SE4 of Section 29 Wanger Twp and install a new 18" culvert.

Permit 24-094 Mike Tiedemann to remove an aged existing 18"x30' crossing culvert and install a new 18"x60' culvert in the West 280th Ave NW ditch, on the east line of the NE NE of Section 23 Angus Township

Permit 24-095 Mike Tiedemann to remove sediment from the South ditch along 130th St NW, in the N2 NE4 of Section 23 Angus Township

Permit 24-096 MNDOT to remove an existing failed 24" CSP centerline culvert under 420th St NW and to replace it with a longer 24" CAS pipe, in the East US Highway #75 ditch on S.L. 20/29 Sinnott Township.

Administrator Maher provided information that was submitted by JD #14 landowners after the October 21, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

Operations Manager Omdahl explained the JD #14 survey that Technician Schlomann performed to gather information from the test holes that were excavated in the ditch bottom to find the clay line. Information is still being reviewed and will be forwarded to Tony Nordby at Houston Engineering for review as well.

Tammy Hanson, Melissa Bjorgaard, Darin Jacobson and Adam Gast from the City of Newfolden joined the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Dillon Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Dillon Nelson from HDR Engineering was in attendance to provide an update on the construction of the Newfolden Impoundment and Administrator Maher provided a financial update. The City of Newfolden Council members asked for clarification as they were under the impression that the \$600,000 MNDOT grant that they received would more than satisfy the City's 25% required cost share.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to ask the City of Newfolden to contribute \$120,000.00 +/- 10% with \$120,000 due to the Watershed District by March 31, 2025 and with the reconciliation of the +/- 10% due at the Final Payment hearing date, to be determined.

Tammy Hanson, Melissa Bjorgaard, Darin Jacobson, and Adam Gast left at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Tony Nordby gave a presentation on the progress of the Nelson Slough Project.

Tony Nordby presented the Engineer's Report for the Swift Coulee Project.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to accept the Swift Coulee Engineer's Report and authorize submitting the report to the Advisory team per Statute 103D.711 (BWSR and MNDNR). Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the progress of the Kevin Klipping property buyout. The application has been submitted and is now in the review process. The review process can take anywhere from 1-3 years.

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Maher discussed a recent survey for Steve Safranski regarding erosion to a levee on the south side of the Middle River, in Alma Twp. Maher said he had talked to Andrew Graham, Red River Basin Coordinator MNDNR, about potential funding for ringdikes and levee repairs. He said that Danny Omdahl is developing a list of names of prior repair requests.

The Board reviewed the Advisory Board member list. The Advisory Board Meeting will be held November 18, 2024, in Middle River.

The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, November 18, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.
2. Advisory Board meeting Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Legacy center in Middle River, MN.
3. RRWMB meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN
4. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, December 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:18 p.m.

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Katrina Haugen  
Recording Secretary

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Brad Blawat  
Secretary