

November 18, 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 18, 2024

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Keith Szczepanski, Lein Schiller, Joey McGregor, and Brad Blawat were present. Mori Maher, Kyle Schlomann, Katrina Haugen, Danny Omdahl, Tyler Larson, Eric Larson and Jeff Hane were also in attendance.

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

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby joined the meeting at approximately 8:33 a.m.
Nate Dalager(virtual) and Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 8:35 a.m.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for the Auditor.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to pay the following bills: Payroll checks #7194-7205 in the amount of \$23,842.50; from administrative Funds checks #20020-20027 in the amount of \$22,394.66 including ACH withdrawal; from Project Funds checks #3560-3563 in the amount of \$1,086,722.93; From RRWMB funds check #227 in the amount of \$7,749.55; From Ditch Funds checks #3747-3751 in the amount of \$61,622.02. Motion unanimously carried.

Mark Weber joined the meeting at approximately 8:41 a.m.
Dustin Holmstrom and Dale Westerlund joined the meeting at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Eric Larson addressed the Board regarding the Swift Coulee Project and notification of an Easement the District proposes to acquire. Mr. Larson recounted in 2006 his yard flooded, apparently due to the 340th Ave bridge being replaced with 2 box culverts, north of his property. He stated his concern with the proposed Easement payment amount as his loan for his 8.5 acres will not change due to the District acquiring the land and the money will not cover the interest that he will be paying on his loan for the land that the District wants to acquire. Mr. Larson expressed his concern about the lack of contact from the Watershed District over the past two years. Danny Omdahl explained the land the Project needs from Mr. Larson would be in the form of a permanent Easement. Mr. Larson can use the land provided there are no structures established on it. Mr. Larson will continue to discuss his concerns with Administrator Maher.

Dillon Nelson and Randy Knott joined the meeting at approximately 8:50 a.m.
Jared Peterson joined the meeting at approximately 8:54 a.m.

Dale Westerlund and Dustin Holmstrom, with Davidson Construction and HDR Engineering staff discussed Change Orders 3 & 4 and Davidson's concerns on the Newfolden Project. Mr. Holmstrom said there have been problems with the amount of soil borings and the site conditions that were expected are not the conditions that were encountered when work started. Change Orders #3 and #4 disagreed with Davidson as laid out in their letter dated 11/17/2024.

Jared Peterson left the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to table the discussion on Change Order #3 & #4 on the Newfolden Project for more investigation by legal counsel and MSTRWD Board Managers. Motion unanimously carried.

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Dustin Holmstrom, Dale Westerlund, and Nate Dalager (virtual) left the meeting at approximately 10:21 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve the following permit based on the following findings: 1) Most of the NE4 of Section 24 Northland Township drains to the 18" pipe located at Watershed Ditch #6 Station 417+36. 2) During high flow events on the Polk County Ditch #2 and Watershed Ditch #6 sub-watersheds, the culvert in-question likely drains an area larger than 160 acres. 3) There is an existing man-made dike along the North-South quarter line that prevents high-water from continuing to flow West, causing water to pool on the NE4 of Section 24 Northland Township.

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.

Dillon Nelson and Randy Knott left the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to approve the following permit:

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.

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

Permit 24-097 Nathan & Jarod Peterson to remove and not replace an existing field crossing with 24" culvert, South of the Melgard Coulee along Cty Rd #34 in the NW4 of Section 16 McCrear Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Lein Schiller, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to approve the following permit:

Permit 24-099 Adam Gajeski to install 296 acres of field pattern drain tile in the N2 of Section 6 Tamarac Township with 1/4" drainage coefficient; 40' tile spacings; 5-HP (587 GPM) VFD pump to outlet to Marshall CD #12 in the Northwest corner of the Section; 15" CSP gravity outlet (803 GPM) to Tamarac River (CD #45) in NE corner.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Maher said he is waiting for information from Dan Sabatka at CP/KC Railroad on the culverts that run under the tracks on JD #14. A letter was received from Mike Anderson regarding his crop loss due to the JD 14 Br B pipes under the railroad being reduced in size.

Mark Weber left at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the financial status of the Newfolden Project.

Maher provided an update on the progress of the Swift Coulee Project Easements. Legal counsel and Marshall County have agreed the Swift Coulee Project will not have to Petition into the B.A. of CD #3.

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Maher provided an update on the Nelson Slough Project permits.

The 2025 COLA increases were discussed; the Board asked Administrative Assistant Haugen to put some numbers together for discussion at the next Board Meeting.

Attorney Jeff Hane provided an update on the tasks he has been working on for the Watershed District including Swift Coulee and the Appealed Christian Erickson Permit suit.

The following meetings were announced:

1. Advisory Board meeting Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Legacy Center in Middle River, MN.
2. RRWMB meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN.
3. 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. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:17 a.m.

Katrina Haugen
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Secretary