

February 3, 2025 (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. **February 3, 2025**

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Lein Schiller, Brad Blawat, Keith Szczepanski, Jared Sands and Joey McGregor were present. Mori Maher, Danny Omdahl, Kyle Schломann, Katrina Haugen, Jim Duckstad, Gunnar Bowman, and Tony Nordby were also in attendance.

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

Jeff Hane joined the Meeting at approximately 8:33 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor, to conditionally approve the following permit with the findings that excavation limits and the placement of riprap are necessary to minimize erosion and reduce any potential risk of downstream impacts.

Permit 25-001 Burlington Northern Santa Fe to reconstruct Bridge No. 245-23.6, replacing an existing 55-foot, 4 span, pile trestle wood structure with proposed 80-foot, 5-span prestressed concrete beam structure in the NE4 of Section 32 Angus Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to conditionally approve the following permit with the findings that excavation limits and the placement of riprap are necessary to minimize erosion and reduce any potential risk of downstream impacts.

Permit 25-002 Burlington Northern Santa Fe to reconstruct BNSF Bridge No. 245-34.9, replacing an existing 55-foot, 4-span, timber beam structure with proposed 80-foot, 5-span, prestressed concrete beam structure in the NW4 of Section 2 Warrenton Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to conditionally approve the following permit with the findings that excavation limits and the placement of riprap are necessary to minimize erosion and reduce any potential risk of downstream impacts.

Permit 25-003 Burlington Northern Santa Fe to reconstruct BNSF Bridge No. 245-52.5, replacing an existing 68-foot, 5-span, timber beam structure with proposed 84-foot, 3-span, prestressed concrete beam structure in the NW4 of Section 8 Sinnott Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson joined the Meeting at approximately 8:54 a.m.

Administrator Maher and Tony Nordby from Houston Engineering provided an update on the Swift Coulee project and permitting.

APPROVED

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to authorize President Bill Petersen, and Secretary Brad Blawat to sign temporary and permanent easements with Jim and Lisa Vansickle, Nathaniel and Hannah Gornowicz, Sharon Nicholls Estate, and Amundgaard Farms. Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson from HDR Engineering and Administrator Maher provided an update on the Newfolden Project including the LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) and the proposed schedule for 2025 construction.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to authorize Change Order #5 for Davidson Construction revising the schedule for work in 2025. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to notice for Equipment Rental Rates for the 2025 construction season, and authorize Secretary Brad Blawat to sign the notice with quotes to be opened Friday, March 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to publish a notice of lands available for rent on 5 different parcels with bids to be opened on Friday, March 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding a lease proposal for a proposed temporary office space during the office renovations. It was the consensus of the Board to have staff explore additional options and revisit at the next Board Meeting.

The following meetings were announced:

1. RRWMB meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN.
2. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.
3. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, March 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.

The Regular Board Meeting was recessed at 9:45 a.m. for the Swift Coulee Channel Restoration Project Final Hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

The Regular Board of Managers Meeting was reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Katrina Haugen
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Secretary