

April 7, 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 TEMPORARY DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**8:30 a.m.** **April 7, 2025**

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Lein Schiller, Keith Szczepanski, Jared Sands and Joey McGregor were present. Mori Maher, Kyle Schlomann, Tyler Larson, Danny Omdahl Katrina Haugen, Steve Weeres, Gunnar Bowman, and Rolland Miller were also in attendance. Jeff Hane attended using Microsoft Teams.

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

Tony Nordby and Jim Duckstad joined the meeting at approximately 8:33 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2025, Meeting as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

Steve Weeres from Winter Recreations Technologies was in attendance to present information on their Lake Scout Data Buoy and submit a quote for consideration. The Data Bouy would collect water elevation and temperature information and send it to a portal that can be managed by the Watershed. This device would reduce the unnecessary travel time to impoundment sites.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to approve purchasing a LakeScout Data Buoy for \$6,350 to place at Nelson Slough. Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson joined the Meeting at approximately 8:43 a.m., (virtual).  
Steve Weeres left the meeting at approximately 9:33 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to approve the following permit:

Permit 25-007 City of Warren to bore a new 6-inch gas line under the Snake River in the E2 NE4 of Section 2 Boxville Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

Permit 25-009 Michael Anderson to install 18 acres of drain tile in the W2 of Section 28 Viking Township with 3/8" drainage coefficient; 50' tile spacings; to gravity outlet into a natural tributary of the Snake River.

Motion unanimously carried

Gunnar Bowman left the meeting at approximately 9:35 a.m.

The following permits were Administratively Approved and reviewed:

Permit 25-008 Mike Bienek to remove and replace an existing 30" field crossing culvert on the South side of 180<sup>th</sup> St NW, near the quarter line between the NW4 &NE4 of Section 29 Helgeland Township, with a longer culvert.

Permit 25-010 Mark Knutson to install a new dry access crossing to a bin site located on the West side of Marshall CSAH #38 in the NE4 SE4 of Section 18 Marsh Grove Township.

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Technician Kyle Schlomann provided an update from the landowners meeting for WD #8 that was held on March 17, 2025 at the Alvarado Community Center and provided information on the options that the Watershed District Board of Managers had moving forward.

Motion by Mr. Jared Sands, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to direct Administrator Maher to prepare a property owners report based on the Staff's and engineers' proposal. Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson left the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. (virtual).

An Update was provided by District staff on the Polk County Redetermination of Benefits meeting that was held on April 1, 2025, virtually using Microsoft Teams and how that could potentially affect our Ditches.

Administrator Maher had communication with a Northern Plain Railroad employee Adam Liden, who was inquiring on what size culverts should be placed in the Railroad crossing on JD #14 Br B that had undersized sleeves placed in them. Maher instructed him to fill out a permit application and submit it to the Board so that the proper process was followed, and the correct information was provided.

Dillon Nelson re-joined the meeting at approximately 10:29 a.m. (Virtual).

Administrator Maher provided an update on grant applications that he had been working on. Maher was working on a water storage grant as part of the Swift Coulee Channel Restoration Phase II, but after some roadblocks were raised by the DNR it was no longer feasible. It was the consensus of the Board to not continue working on the Water Storage Grant for Swift Coulee Phase II.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, to accept the Equipment Rental Rates that were submitted for 2025 and authorize Mr. Bill Petersen and Mr. Brad Blawat to sign the agreements. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative Assistant Haugen let the Board know that the Auditors from Brady Martz would be presenting the Audit report at the May 5, 2025 Board meeting.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the District Office pre-construction meeting that was held March 27, 2025. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start April 14, 2025, pending weather conditions.

Bill Petersen provided an update on the Red River Watershed Management Board activities and their last meeting that was held in Moorhead.

Administrator Maher provided information on the upcoming Summer Tour to be held in June 2025.

Discussion was held regarding Ditch Interest for 2025 deficit balances, Haugen stated that it would be on the meeting Agenda for the next Board meeting.

The following meetings were announced:

1. RRWMB meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN.
2. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, April 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., at 190 Marshall Street in Alvarado, MN.

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

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The Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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Katrina Haugen  
Recording Secretary

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Brad Blawat  
Secretary