

October 20, 2025 (a)

**APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT THE MARSHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

8:30 a.m.

October 20, 2025

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Keith Szczepanski, Robert Kovar, Jared Sands, Joey McGregor and Brad Blawat were present. Mori Maher, Tyler Larson, Robert Adam, Tony Nordby, Jeff Hane, and Dillon Nelson (Virtual) were also present.

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

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025, meeting as drafted. Motion unanimously carried

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for the Auditor (Bob + Brad).

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to pay the following checks: Payroll check #7331-7342 in the amount of \$22,101.05; From Administrative funds check #20203-20222 in the amount of \$114,714.04 including ACH withdrawals and service charges; from Project Funds check #3686-3697 in the amount of \$191,174.93; from Ditch funds check #3814-3822 in the amount of \$130,240.78. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Jared Sands, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to approve the following permit:

Permit 25-070 Nicole O'Connor to install side water inlet culverts and flap gates in various locations within the S2 of Section 15 Angus Twp that will drain water North into Polk CD #43 Lat 1. With the condition that the Watershed District from the Brant Angus Coulee Project account to pay for the culvert and installation of a 36" x 30' culvert that outlets from the Bradshaw Coulee. And encourage the applicant to follow funding the rest of the culverts other ways.

Motion unanimously carried

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

Permit 25-071 Christian Erickson to install a new 30" field drain culvert in the NW4 NE4 of Section 15 Helgeland Township to drain Northerly into Judicial Ditch #25-1 Lateral 2 ~ Sta 106+70. CONDITIONS: Culvert outlet to have sufficient geotextile filter and riprap, or other mechanical means of preventing erosion. Culvert grade and elevations to be set by MSTRWD Staff. The landowner assumes responsibility as the maintenance authority for this culvert.

Motion unanimously carried

The following Administratively approved permits were reviewed:

Permit 25-067 Robert Kovar to move an existing 30" RCP and crossing off CSAH #62 south ~1,300 feet to SW corner of property in the W2 SW4 Section 14 Northland Township.

Permit 25-068 Jared Sands to extend an existing 18" CSP and field crossing and to also remove and replace an existing 15" CSP through spoil bank of JD 20 Br A with a longer 18" CSP on East Line of Section 20 Vega Township

Permit 25-069 Ronald Ness to install a new 30" culvert and crossing in JD 21, approximately 2500' North of CSAH #6 in the SE4 of the NW4 of section 1, New Maine Township. CONDITION: The

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applicant must coordinate with the district before installing new culvert. Culvert elevations and grades to be set by district staff.

Permit 25-072 Anderson Farms to remove and replace an existing 18" x 25' CSP with an 18" x 40' CSP in kind in SW4 SE4 Section 3, Lincoln Township, on North side of Marshall CSAH #27. CONDITION: Must obtain permission from Marshall County Highway Department.

Permit 25-073 Anderson Farms to remove and replace (2) existing 18" x 25' CSP with (2) 18" x 40' CSP in kind in S2 Section 2, Lincoln Township, on North side of Marshall CSAH #27. CONDITION: Must obtain permission from Marshall County Highway Department.

Permit 25-074 Anderson Farms to remove and replace an existing 24" x 25' CSP with an 24" x 40' CSP in kind in NE4 NW4 Section 11, Lincoln Township, on South side of Marshall CSAH #27. CONDITION: Must obtain permission from Marshall County Highway Department.

Engineering Technician Tyler Larson provided updates on the sediment removal for the following ditches: JD #14, JD #15, JD #20, JD #25-2, and JD #28.

Administrator Maher updated the Board that on Oct. 7th the JDA held a public hearing on Nelson Slough project, with no findings and order established at that time to accept the project and layout the minor financial responsibilities. Also he mentioned a verbal news was shared with him that the State FHM program will award the applied amount and the details is yet to be confirmed in formal correspondence. Tony Nordby (HEI) also added some update on the design and bid documents readiness.

Dillon Nelson (HDR) provided an update on the Newfolden project construction. The pipe running under CSAH#30 is being removed, and seeding and gravelling will take place soon. The underground power line to the outlet structure by Red Lake Electric is planned to be run next week.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the Swift Coulee project. Phase 1 construction is done and the seeding is at a standstill until spring. Phase 2 has the layout and models built, the Wetland Delineation study was shared with the WCA TEP last month and have not heard back on that yet (it has 60 days review time).

Administrator Maher provided an update to Angus/Oslo #1. Andy Anderson started work on October 20th, 2025. And the work will be inspected by both district and HEI staff due to the permit conditions.

Managers discussed the office walkthrough that will be held today, the main entrance overhang and potential design. No action was taken.

Managers also agreed with the Nov. 17th Advisory meeting to be held at 1:30 in Stephen and ordered notices to the current committee to be mailed.

Mr. Jared Sands moved and Mr. Brad Blawat second to approve the health insurance plan and the district's contribution as follows: single staff for up to \$800 and the staff on family plan up to \$1800. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to recess the Regular Board Meeting for the Final Hearing on the Nelson Slough Improvement Project.

The Regular Board Meeting was recessed at 9:57 a.m.

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The Nelson Slough hearing began at 10:00 a.m. at the Marshall County Courthouse basement. One member of the public was in attendance, Jason Wolin with MN DNR.

Attorney, Jeff Hane, provided list of material in the record and read the only comments received from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on the Final Engineer's report.

Engineer, Tony Nordby, of Houston Engineering presented on the Final Engineers Report and provided his testimony regarding the project and responded those comments made by the DNR and BWSR.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to proceed with the Nelson Slough Improvement project and assign the project #5. Motion unanimously carried.

The Nelson Slough Hearing was recessed at 10:55 a.m. until bids are received for the project.

The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

Administrator Maher updated the Board on a potential discussion on the next Board meeting about the MNDOT and the use of Off take ditches.

The following meetings were announced:

1. RRWMB Regular Board meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN
2. MSTRWD regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, November 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Warren office.
3. MSTRWD regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Warren office.
4. MSTRWD Advisory Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Stephen, MN.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Robert Adam
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Secretary