

October 6, 2025 (a)

**APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT THE TEMPORARY OFFICE LOCATION IN ALVARADO**

8:30 a.m.

October 6, 2025

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Keith Szczepanski, Robert Kovar, Joey McGregor and Brad Blawat were present. Mori Maher, Katrina Haugen, Kyle Schlomann, Tyler Larson, Robert Adam, Rolland Miller, Jim Duckstad, Randy Knott (virtual), Randy Keranen (virtual), and Jeff Hane (virtual) were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, to approve the agenda as amended to include Ditch Inspector as item #3 under Administrator. Motion unanimously carried.

Jared Sands joined the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025, meeting as corrected. Motion unanimously carried

Lein Schiller joined the meeting at approximately 8:33 a.m.

Tony Nordby joined the meeting at approximately 8:37 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor considering the substantial completion report from the engineer to approve Gladen Constructions Pay Request #6 in the amount of \$140,008.11. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to approve Davidson Constructions Pay Request #9 in the Amount of \$602,216.50. Motion unanimously carried.

HDR in coordination with Administrator Maher invited Randy Keranen with Mohawk Technology to discuss the remote control system for the Newfolden Impoundment Outlet gate. Mohawk Technology is a supplier of PLC/SCADA systems. No action was requested at this time.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to approve the following permit:

Permit 25-060 Daniel Kujava to install 13 acres of field pattern drain tile in the NE4 SW4 of Section 12 Foldahl Township with 3/8" drainage coefficient; 100' tile spacings; a 6" gravity outlet into a private field ditch that will drain South to 320th St NW, and then West into Marshall CD #42.

Motion unanimously carried

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

Permit 25-062 Lane Iverson to install 156 acres of field pattern drain tile in the SW4 of Section 35 Vega Township with 3/8"; 50' tile spacings; 10-hp (1105 GPM) VFD pump to outlet to Marshall CD #41.

Motion unanimously carried

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

Permit 25-063 Ron Iverson to install 283 acres of field pattern drain tile in the W2 of Section 28 Vega Township with 3/8" drainage coefficient; 60' tile spacings; (2) gravity outlets into Marshall CD #21 and (1) gravity outlet into JD #1.

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Motion unanimously carried.

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

Permit 25-066 Robert Kovar to install 58 acres of field pattern drain tile in the E2 SE4 of Section 22 Northland Township with ¼" drainage coefficient; 25' & 50' tile spacings; a 12" CSP gravity outlet into Polk CD #2.

Motion carried with Mr. Robert Kovar abstaining

The following Administratively approved permits were reviewed:

Permit 25-061 Jamie Nelson to install 3 new side water inlet culvers in existing field ditches that outlet to the Main Branch of Judicial Ditch 3 #14 in the NW4 of the SE4 of Section 27 of Viking Township

Permit 25-064 Aaron Davy to install a new field crossing along in the SW4 SW4 of Section 35 Spruce Valley Township, on the North side of CSAH #46 culvert size TBD (was approved with a 18" culvert)

Permit 25-065 Todd Mack to install a new field crossing along 180th St NW, in the NE4 NW4 of Section 26 Higdem Township with a 24" culvert

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

Robert Kovar left the meeting at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the Nelson Slough project. JD #19 Joint Ditch Authority will be holding a public hearing related to the project works on October 7, 2025 after that the Watershed District will start working with landowners on easements. Maher anticipates finalizing the wetland credits purchase for the project sometime in January of 2026.

Administrator Maher and Dillon Nelson from HDR Engineering provided an update on the Newfolden project construction. There is approximately 2 weeks of work remaining. An agreement for running underground power line was provided from Red Lake Electric Cooperative.

Administrator Maher reviewed funding received from the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heratige Counce (LSOHC), Swift Coulee phase II was awarded 63% of the requested funds. Discussion was also held regarding the Watershed District paying for Abstracts for Phase I landowners to be reimbursed with One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Funds.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller that the District pay for the abstracts and ask 1W1P for reimbursement. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby from Houston Engineering, provided a Technical Memorandum for the inspection of the AO #4 impoundment and Dillon Nelson and Randy Knott from HDR Engineering provided an update on the Brandt Angus Coulee inspection. It was suggested that District staff continue to monitor the conditions, but no maintenance is required at this time.

Administrator Maher provided information on a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on a Climate Adoption Cost Study.

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Discussion was held regarding assigning one of the Engineering Technicians the duties of Ditch Inspector.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to appoint Engineering Technician Kyle Schlomann as the Watershed District's Ditch Inspector indefinitely. Motion unanimously carried.

The purchase agreement for the Kevin Klipping project was provided and discussion was held regarding the project and who would be financially responsible for expenses.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen to authorize Mr. Brad Blawat and Mr. Bill Petersen to sign the purchase agreement for the Kevin Klipping property. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative Assistant Haugen provided an update on the office construction along with discussion on purchasing TV's and a fridge for the office.

Klopp Construction has requested to have the retainage on the office renovation lowered from 10% to 5%.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to lower the retainage for Klopp Construction on the office renovation project to 5%. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Maher provided information on a Clean Water Council Survey.

Communication about 2025 BWSR Academy and the MN Watersheds Annual meeting was shared.

The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD regular Board of Managers Meeting Monday, October 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Marshall County Courthouse
2. Nelson Slough Final hearing Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Marshall County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.
3. RRWMB regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Ada MN

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Katrina Haugen
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Secretary