

May 4, 2026 (a)

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

10:00 a.m.

May 4, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Jared Sands, Joey McGregor, and Keith Szczepanski were present. Mori Maher, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Katrina Haugen, Robert Adam, Jim Duckstad, Chris Kuznia, and Dillon Nelson were also present. Jeff Hane, and Michael (Unknown) were in attendance using Microsoft Teams.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat, to approve the agenda as amended to include JD #25-1 Lat 1 Discussion as item #1 under Administrator. Motion unanimously carried

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby joined the meeting at approximately 10:03 a.m.

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

Permit 26-006 Justin Johnson/Michael Vasek to install 310 acres of field pattern drain tile in the N2 of Section 10 Northland Township with ¼" drainage coefficient, 44' & 88' tile spacings; a 15-hp (1457 GPM) VFD pump to outlet to the South Brance of PCD #175.

Motion unanimously carried.

Following the last board meeting Administrator Maher reached out to Pribula Engineering for a proposal for professional services regarding the JD #75 Petition for Improvement. The proposal was for \$83,000.00 not including any costs related to the Redetermination of Benefits requirements for the project. Attorney Jeff Hane stated that The petitioners' Bond or letter of Credit would be in place until the Contract for construction was awarded.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands that the board will accept a Surety Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit from a trusted financial institution for the JD #75 Improvement Petition. Motion carried with Mr. Robert Kovar abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands that the petitioners for the JD #75 Petition for improvement are required to submit a Surety Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit for \$83,000 in order to move forward with the Petition. Motion carried with Mr. Robert Kovar abstaining.

Administrator Maher provided a quote from H&S of Stephen, MN for custom fabricating five steel traffic gates for the Newfolden Impoundment. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the quote of \$8,985.00. If the cost exceeds \$10,000, Maher is to seek additional approval from the Board before proceeding.

The Regular Board Meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m. for the Public hearing on the Proposed Amended Rules of the Watershed District.

The Public hearing to Amend the Rules of the Watershed District was opened at 10:30 a.m.

This meeting was recorded.

Those in attendance were Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Keith Szczepanski, Joey McGregor and Jared Sands. Others in attendance were Tony Nordby, Dillon Nelson, Jim Duckstad, Chris

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Kuznia, Tyler Larson, Robert Adam, Kyle Schlomann, Mori Maher, and Katrina Haugen. Attorney Jeff Hane, and Michael (Unknown) were in attendance using Microsoft Teams.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Petersen.

Administrator Maher read the comments from The Marshall County Hwy Department and the Board of Water and Soil Resources into the record.

Following the comments being read into the record Mr. Bill Petersen asked if anyone in attendance had any questions or comments.

It was the consensus of the Board that the word "guidance" should be removed from page 14, as a part of the subsection titled "Procedures/Guidance", per the suggestion from the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to adopt the proposed rules with the aforementioned change on page 14 effective May 4, 2026. Motion unanimously carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:41 a.m.

The Regular Board of Managers Meeting was reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the contract with Spruce Valley for Nelson Slough and the pre-construction meeting.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to authorize Mr. Bill Petersen to sign the contract with Spruce Valley for construction of JD 19/Nelson Slough (Project#5) and to attend the Pre-Construction meeting tentatively scheduled for next week. Motion unanimously carried.

Some discussion was held regarding the Nelson Slough Improvement project and the construction schedule.

Administrator Maher reported that he recently met with Mr. Loren Zutz to discuss the in-place culvert scheme on JD #25-1 Lateral 2 and the culverts upstream along 200<sup>th</sup> Street NW, in Helgeland Township. From the resulting conversation, Mr. Zutz was not supportive of the recommendations presented to him on the upstream culverts to JD 25-1 Lat. 2 system. Administrator Maher requested guidance from the Board on whether to proceed with other entities on this matter. It was the consensus of the Board that the District's involvement in this matter is at an end until the township or the individual landowners come forward with a permit application or petition for a new drainage project due to the upstream culverts being out of the JD 25-1 Lat. 2 boundary.

Mr. Bill Petersen provided an update from the last Red River Watershed Management Board meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

A short video was shared and presented from the Board of Water and Soil Resources on Watershed Authorities: Purpose & Powers.

Administrative Assistant Haugen updated the Board of Managers that Brady Martz will be attending the May 18, 2026 Board meeting to present their Audit Report.

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The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD regular Board of Managers meeting Monday, May 18, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the district office in Warren, MN
2. RRWMB Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN
3. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers meeting Monday June 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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Katrina Haugen  
Recording Secretary

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Brad Blawat  
Secretary