

June 1, 2026 (a)

**APPROVED (as corrected June 15, 2026)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN WARREN**

8:30 a.m.

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The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Joey McGregor, Lein Schiller, Jared Sands and Keith Szczepanski were present. Mori Maher, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Katrina Haugen, Robert Adam, Jim Duckstad, Ian Marsh (virtual), Gunnar Bowman, Jeff Hane, Jacob Narloch, Rob Sip (virtual), and Molly Jansen (virtual) were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, to approve the agenda as amended to include JD #20 Mager petition as item #3 under Ditches. Motion unanimously carried

Motion by Mr. Lein Schiller, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Molly Jansen and Ian Marsh from Park Street Public along with Rob Sip from the Red River Watershed Management Board provided an update to the Board of Managers regarding the lobbying efforts that they have undertaken this session.

Molly Jansen and Ian Marsh left the meeting at approximately 8:43 a.m.

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

Permit 26-008 Jordan Kasprovicz to lower an existing 18" CSP CL culvert through 260th Ave NW, in the North Ditch along 400th St. approximately 8-inches, and clean/regrade the township road ditch in parts of the SE4 of Section 32 and the SW4 of Section 33 Nelson park Township for ~1/8th of a mile

Motion unanimously carried.

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

Permit 26-009 Marshall County Highway Department to replace a failed 24" CMP and a 36" CMP in kind on the Section line 11/12 under CSAH 114 in Wright Township (Pembina Trail NW).

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to approve the following permit with an 18" culvert:

Permit 26-010 Kade Klasen to install a new culvert and crossing in the NE NW ¼ Section 34 Holt Township along the S side of CSAH 7.

Motion unanimously carried

Dillon Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 8:58 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Lein Schiller to approve the following permit with a 24" culvert:

Permit 26-011 Aaron Knoll to remove and replace an existing 18" CSP field crossing culvert with a new 24" culvert at the same location, on the North line of the NW4 NE4 of Section 26 Viking Township.

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Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to approve the following permit with a blind inlet on the west side of the proposed project and to cover the east inlet with rock for safety and filtration:

Permit 26-014 Marshall County Fair to remove and existing 1-hp pump and storage tank (Permit 16-049); install a new 5-hp VFD pump (548 GPM) ~100 ft further South; install additional 1.7 acres of ¼" drain tile with (2) surface inlets; discharging to the same outlet as Permit 16-049 in Govt. Lot 3, Section 31 McCrea Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

The following permits were Administratively approved and reviewed:

Permit 26-012 Dean Peterson to remove and replace an 18" field drain culvert in kind, that drains to the N ditch along 190th St NW in the SE SE of Section 16 Brislet Township

Permit 26-013 Dean Peterson to extend an existing dry crossing in the NE NE of Section 24 Brislet Township.

Permit 26-016 Neil Windner to existing an existing 48" crossing culvert by 20'

Permit 26-017 Middle River Township:

- 1) To remove and replace a 33" X 49" CSPA with a longer one in kind under 330th St NW Section line 5/8
- 2) To extend an existing 48" culvert under 380th Ave NW by 20' on section line 39/30.

Gunnar Bowman left the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Administrator Maher provided an update to the board after a meeting held with DNR regarding the concerns that they raised about the JD #14 repair. Maher believes the meeting went well as Engineer Nordby was able to address some of the concerns and pointed out how some of them were not relevant to the repair. A letter or memo from the DNR in support of this project is expected soon.

Engineering Technicians Schломann and Adam performed inspections for blow dirt after the May 12-13th blowing event and provided a list of ditches that need to have the blow dirt removed from them. It was the consensus of the board to authorize having blow dirt removed from the districts ditches as needed.

Robert Mager was able to secure the remaining signatures he needed for the Improvement Petition on JD #20 Br A and it was presented to the board.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to ask Houston Engineering to draft a proposal for the June 15th board meeting so that the board could set a bond and have Brink lawyers review the petition to assure it is legally sufficient. Motion carried with Mr. Jared Sands abstaining.

Dillon Nelson (HDR Engineering) was in attendance and provided an update on the Newfolden project. A punch list walkthrough with the contractor is being planned with the final completion of the project being on hard deadline of June 30th due to FHM grant Conditions. Administrator Maher stated that the traffic gates have been fabricated and will be ready for installation soon. Discussion was also held regarding having the road bladed prior to having the gates installed.

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Administrator Maher and Tony Nordby from Houston Engineering provided an update on the Nelson Slough project. Spruce Valley has started mobilization. Discussion was held regarding a groundbreaking event and it was the consensus of the board to have an event the week of June 22 or June 29th.

Seeding on Phase 1 of Swift Coulee is $\frac{3}{4}$ done and should be finished this week depending on the weather. Administrator Maher is coordinating with the Marshall County SWCD on reaching out to Phase II landowners.

Administrator Maher provided some financial information on the Swift Coulee project finances. Discussion took place on other projects and whether balances were zeroed out after construction or if the project balances reflect the original construction expenses, specifically on operational projects rather than ongoing projects. Administrative Assistant Haugen stated that she would work on a similar report for each of the projects so that the board can have a better idea of where they are standing and what is contributing to negative/positive project balances.

Administrator Maher brought up a farmyard along the South side of Hwy 1 just East of Warren where he noticed water ponding in the yard during spring runoff events. Discussion on what options the landowner may have to protect his shop building that is prone to flooding almost every year. It was stated that the house does not appear to be in danger. The ditch along Hwy 1 is not under the Districts Jurisdiction and Administrator Maher was instructed to suggest the landowner looking into possible options such as a small size dike around the shop, hiring a backhoe to remove snow from the ditch with perhaps help from Snowmobile club, communicate with MNDOT, or coordinate with Neighbor to cut a ditch around the whole property. Mr. Sip provided some information about the RRWMB's Ring Dike program and funding mechanism.

Mr. Sip from the Red River Watershed Management Board provided an update on the last meeting held on May 19th, 2026 in Ada, MN.

A One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee meeting was announced for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 1:00p.m. at the Watershed District Office.

Jeff Hane from Brink Lawyers introduced his summer law clerk Jacob Narloch, and reviewed progress on the Kathryn Smith House and CPKC invoice and what options are available to the board to close the contracts in relation to the Newfolden Project. The Board agreed to pursue the quitclaim deed of Kathryn Smith's property to the City of Newfolden. As for CP Rail account close out, the consensus was to wait for the CP Rail to come to a resolution.

Jim Duckstad left the meeting at approximately 10:55 a.m.

A slide show on Open Meeting Law from the MN Department of Administration was shown and Attorney Jeff Hane provided context and additional information as needed. Through which a question came up whether Board manager(s) can join online meetings without notice. Mr. Hane will provide answer at the next meeting.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the Klipping project and stated the District is waiting for the most recently approved reimbursement to come. Afterwards the land transfer to Polk County will be initiated.

The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers meeting Monday June 15, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN
2. RRWMB Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Ada, MN
3. MSTRWD Regular Board of Managers meeting Monday, July 6, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN

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Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Jared Sands to adjourn the Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Katrina Haugen
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Secretary