

August 3, 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**

8:30 a.m.

August 3, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Petersen, Managers Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat, Robert Kovar, Joey McGregor and Keith Szczepanski were present. Mori Maher, Kyle Schlomann, Robert Adam, Tyler Larson, Katrina Haugen, Rolland Miller, Gunnar Bowman and Tony Nordby were also present. Jeff Hane and Michael Miller were in attendance using Microsoft Teams.

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

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 8:33 a.m. (virtual)

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to approve the following After the Fact permit temporarily until the end of 2026 for the purpose of performing a survey once crops come off the field.

ATF Permit 26-022 Misselhorn Tile and Excavation to install a new 6" lateral in the SE4 SW4 of Section 26 Middle River Township and to extend to the East approximately 400' to install a blind surface water inlet in existing field ditch in the SW4 SE4 of the same section. New lateral and blind inlet to drain to existing lift station and pump (Permit 24-001)

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to approve the following permit with district staff setting the elevation for the 18" culvert.

Permit 26-025 Ransel Anderson to remove and replace an existing 18" CSP field drain culvert with a longer 18" culvert and to install it at a lower elevation to be determined in the N2 NE4 of Section 18 Vega Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to approve the following Amendment to Permit 25-033 Marshall County Fair to install 3 acres of field pattern drain tile in the NW4 of Section 31 McCrea Township with ¼" drainage coefficient; gravity outlet to the Snake River. Tile will gravity feed into the Snake River via a 8" steel pipe. There will be 2 blind inlets installed as part of the project.

Permit 25-033A Marshall County Fair to install 4 additional blind inlets.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat to approve the following Amendment to Permit 26-014 Marshall County Fair to remove existing 1-hp pump and storage tank (Permit 16-049); install 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.

Permit 26-014A to Amend Permit 26-014 and install 3 additional blind inlets.

Motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Joey McGregor, seconded by Mr. Keith Szczepanski to approve the following amendment to Permit 26-023-1 MarKit County Grain LLC to install 111 acres of drain tile in portions of the SE4 of Section 4 & the SW4 of Section 3 Middle River Township with ¼" drainage coefficient; 20' and 40' tile spacings; (2) 5-hp (1041 GPM combined) VFD pumps to outlet to the North ditch along 330th St NW. Permit 26-023-2 MarKit Grain LLC to install (6) surface inlets in the SE4 of Section 4 Middle River Township to drain excess water through a proposed subsurface drain tile system under Permit 26-023-1. With the following findings:

- 1) Yards with structures, where vehicles and trains need to safely work, should be treated differently than ordinary farm fields
- 2) One or more storm water ponds are being sized by Midwest Planning
- 3) The permitted work will still be subject to all of the sub-surface drainage rules including shutting off pumps in instances of downstream flooding.

Permit 26-023A Markit County Grain LLC to amend Permit 25-023 for (3) additional surface inlets and to increase the pump size of the South pump to a 10-HP (993GPM) VFD pump.

Motion unanimously carried.

The following Administratively Approved permits were reviewed:

Permit 26-026 Neil Johnson to construct a new field crossing with an 18" culvert on the East side of 380th Ave NW, near the Northwest corner of the SW SW of Section 8 Farley Township.

Permit 26-027 Mark McGregor to widen an existing driveway crossing and extend an in-place 18" CSP crossing culvert on the South side of Marshall CSAH #14, in the NW4 NE4 of Section 8 Comstock Township.

Gunnar Bowman left the meeting at approximately 9:10 a.m.

Permanent Ditch Right of Way Easements from 3 landowners along JD #21 Branch 3 were presented to the Board for signatures. There are other additional parcels on this system that are yet to be presented for permanent easements.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to authorize Mr. Bill Petersen and Mr. Brad Blawat to sign easements with David and Judith Lockstad, John and David Lockstad, and Ronald Ueland. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, provided a construction update and Administrator Maher provided a financial update for the Nelson Slough project.

Administrator Maher provided an update on the landowner discussions for Swift Coulee Phase II and stated that he would be attending the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Hearing on August 26th to present the project for state funding.

Motion by Mr. Keith Szczepanski, seconded by Mr. Joey McGregor to authorize Mr. Bill Petersen and Mr. Brad Blawat to sign the Findings and Order from the Newfolden Final Payment Hearing held on July 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office in Warren. Motion unanimously carried.

Dillon Nelson left the meeting at approximately 10:03 a.m. (virtual)

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Administrator Maher shared communication he received regarding information that was provided to an individual who had submitted a Data Practice Request. No further data or information was requested so the communication did not require a response.

The Proposed 2027 Ditch Levies were presented to the Board with a breakdown of anticipated expenses through December 31, 2027. There was further review and discussion on State Ditch #3, Watershed Ditch #8, and Polk County Ditch #175. The proposed Levies will be considered during the 2027 Budget Hearing on August 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN

Administrator Maher stated that there is a training/meeting regarding One Watershed One Plan being hosted by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) that he will be attending in Thief River Falls. Maher shared the information with Managers Bill Petersen and Joey McGregor as well.

An update on the issue of the condensation that has been occurring with the new HVAC system was discussed. Administrator Maher has been in contact with the YHR Architects and Town and County Heating and Cooling to have the issue resolved at no additional cost to the District.

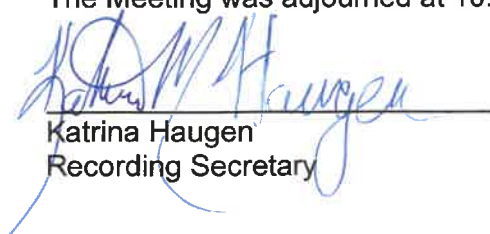
Administrator Maher informed the board that he will be on Vacation August 24-28th but still plans to travel to St. Paul on the 26th for the LSOHC Hearing for Swift Coulee Phase II.

The following meetings were announced:

1. MSTRWD Board of Managers Meeting Monday, August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN.
2. Swift Coulee Phase I Final Payment Hearing Monday August 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN
3. MSTRWD 2027 Budget Hearing Monday August 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office in Warren, MN
4. RRWMB regular Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 10:00 in Ada, MN

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.


Katrina Haugen
Recording Secretary


Brad Blawat
Secretary