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APPROVED (April 16, 2018)
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
8:30 A.M. April 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat, Roger Mischel, David Bakke and Robert Kovar were present. Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schlomann, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, LeRoy Vonasek, Dillon Nelson, Tony Nordby, Mike Enright and Danny Omdahl were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the agenda be approved, as amended with the addition of Alex Wardwell to Guests. Motion unanimously carried.

Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The following permit was tabled pending review of the updated hydraulics:

1) Permit (18-008) of Marshall County Hwy Department to replace bridge #7004 with a new 141' span bridge and regrade the North & South approaches, Section 31, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel)

Alex Wardwell joined the meeting at approximately 8:42 a.m.

Tammy Hansen joined the meeting at approximately 8:43 a.m.

The following permit was unanimously approved:

2) Permit (18-009) to Enbridge Energy to install two driveway approaches to CSAH #2 with (2) 30" RCP culverts, SE4, Section 28, Viking Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

Alex Wardwell, Audubon Minnesota, gave an update on the mowing of the invasive cattail project performed at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. She stated the mowing of the cattails has been completed and the next phase of the project is water level management within the augmentation pool. She stated in order to control the cattails from germinating a water level 2' above the cattails is preferred. Alex reported cattails germinate during the warm dry months, usually, July and August and in order to prevent germination, the water level would need to be maintained until August.

After discussion, the Board directed Tony Nordby, Danny Omdahl and Alex Wardwell work together to determine an acceptable water level that will not interfere with the operating plan of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Kyle Schlomann reported Enbridge Energy is in the Process of a Line 3 replacement project that cuts across the District, diagonally, for approximately 35 miles. He stated the line enters the District in the SW4 of Section 5 of Sinnott Township, in Marshall County and exists the District in the NE4 of Section 13 of Numedal Township, in

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Pennington County. He stated as part of the project, Enbridge Energy is proposing to install approximately 70 temporary crossings along the project line and they are inquiring if the District would grant a "blanket" permit for the installation of the crossings. Kyle informed the Board that the Line 3 project does not cross any legal drainage ditches within the District. Kyle Schlomann was directed to notify Enbridge Energy and inform them that the Board may consider issuing a "blanket" permit, once a completed permit application is submitted.

Administrator Praska reported a meeting was held with Pribula Engineering, West Polk SWCD and with Matt Fischer, Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources, to discuss the terms of the BWSR Clean Water grant received by the District, for the Repair of County Ditch #175. He reported West Polk SWCD will not be providing funds for the project. Administrator Praska stated, if all goes well, the repair could be dirt ready in August or September.

Dillon Nelson distributed the Alternative Analysis Study prepared by HDR Engineering for the Newfolden/Middle River Subwatershed Flood Damage Reduction Project. Mr. Nelson reported he gave a presentation, on the project, to the Marshall County Commissioner's at their meeting, March 20, 2018. He stated the Marshall County Commissioners passed a motion in support of the project. He stated the next step to keep the project moving forward would be the District to direct HDR Engineering to prepare a Task Order.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that HDR Engineering be directed to prepare a Task Order to develop the Engineers Plan for the Alternative, seek funding and direct the Watershed District to initiate the project. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby reported he is working on a design to repair the sloughing issues at the outlet of Judicial Ditch #1. He stated approximately a ½ mile stretch, North to the Red River, will need to be surveyed once conditions are favorable.

Tammy Hansen left the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m., Alex Wardwell left the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Tony Nordby reported Review Point #2 on the JD #14 RCPP project has been approved by the NRCS and he is waiting to receive approval on Review Point #3. He also reported he submitted revisions to Review Point #2 and submitted Review Point #3 on the JD #19 RCPP project to the NRCS.

Administrator Praska reported the State of Minnesota funding for the Oslo/Access study have been expended. A discussion was held with Tony Nordby concerning the amount of funding needed to complete the final report.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that Houston Engineering be directed to prepare the Final Report on the Oslo Access study and that funding be paid from the District Project Funds, not to exceed \$9,000.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Danny Omdahl reported that himself, and Technicians Larson and Schlomann collected snow samples from within the District to determine the amount of moisture in the snow and he stated it appears there will not be significant flooding within the District.

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Administrator Praska reported two data practice requests have been received and the documents, if any, have been provided to the requestor.

Administrator Praska reported he gave a presentation at the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting, held on March 20, 2018, on the funding request he submitted to cover the printing costs of the informational panels and installation costs of the kiosks. He also reported he gave the same presentation to the Red River Retention Authority for funding and he received word the Red River Retention Authority will not provide funding and the Red River Watershed Management Board will address the funding request at their April meeting.

The Board reviewed the changes made to the "Draft" Amended Rules of the District. After review, Administrator Praska was directed to incorporate the changes requested by the Board to the document and forward the "draft" document to the Board.

Mr. Roger Mischel gave a report on the activities of the Red River Watershed Management Board. He reported the office of the RRWMB will be located in Ada, Minnesota. He also reported the RRWMB has received notice the Sand Hill Watershed District is proposing to terminate their participation with the RRWMB, effective October 1, 2018.

Connie Kujawa reported a \$200,000.00 Certificate of Deposit on the District's Administrative funds has matured at Bremer Bank. She stated she checked interest rates with other financial institutions and the District would get a better rate at American Federal of Warren. By consensus, the Board directed Connie Kujawa to transfer \$200,000.00 from the District's Administrative Funds held at Bremer Bank to American Federal of Warren.

Administrator Praska stated a Manager has inquired if the Board of Managers meeting dates could be changed from Monday's to Wednesday's. Chairman Nelson, stated the 2018 Schedule of Meetings has been adopted and this matter can be added to the November 2018 board meeting.

Administrator Praska reported NELD Johnson Farms LLLP have filed a lawsuit against the District in regard to Judicial Ditch #1.

The following meetings were announced:

April 16, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
April 16, 2018-Amended Rules Hearing, 10:00 a.m., District Office
May 7, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned, at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary