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APPROVED (April 20, 2020)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL
DUE TO STATE WIDE "STAY-AT-HOME" COVID-19 ORDER
8:30 A.M. April 6, 2020

Chairman, Mr. John W Nelson, called for a roll call of Managers. Managers Bill Petersen, David Bakke, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Roger Mischel and John W Nelson acknowledged their presence. Others attending the conference call were: Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Connie Kujawa, Gunnar Bowman, Jeremy Misselhorn, Jeff Hane, Dillon Nelson and Rolland Miller. Chairman Nelson stated a quorum of the Board is participating and called the meeting to order.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the agenda be approved, as presented. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the Board approved the agenda. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

Technician Omdahl joined the meeting at approximately 8:38 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the minutes of the March 16, 2020 be approved, as presented. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the Board approved the March 16, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

Technician Schlomann reported that he has been unsuccessful in reaching the landowner in Section 27 of Middle River Township to discuss the permit application (20-014) of Tony Vansickle. He also reported that Mr. Vansickle has also been unsuccessful in his attempts to meet with the landowner. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Robert Kovar and seconded by Mr. Bill Peterson to **table** the permit (20-014) of Tony Vansickle to install 150 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; 10 hp (705 GPM) VFD pump; NW4, Section 35, Middle River Township. The Board directed Administrator Praska to send a certified letter to Jon Gordhamer, the landowner in section 27 of Middle River Township. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote the Permit (20-014) was tabled. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nays.

Technician Schlomann stated the permit application (20-020) of Tony Vansickle originally submitted has the outlet of the drain tile outletting through an 8" pipe inserted into an existing centerline pipe, draining to the north side of CR #106, in the NE4 of Section 11 of Warrenton Township. He reported Misselhorn Tiling and Tony Vansickle have decided to keep the tiled water in the South ditch of CR #106 and drain West to the #106 approach, then North in the East ditch of US Hwy #75, where it would continue to the Swift Coulee.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that permit (20-020) of Tony Vansickle to install 180 acres drain tile; ¼" & 3/8" coefficient; 40' & 80' spacing; 15 hp (1,278 GPM) VFD pump; 8" outlet pipe into existing centerline culvert under CR #160; E2 NW4, & NE4, Section 11, Warrenton Township be tabled until 1) a revised permit application and plan is received changing the outlet of the tiled water and 2) a petition is filed with Marshall County to

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add lands to the benefited area of CD #3. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote the Permit (20-020) was tabled. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nays.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the following permit be approved:

Permit (20-021) to Todd Dvorak to install 79 acres of drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 40' tile spacing; in the N2 SE4 of Section 23, Sandsville Township, outletting to an existing lift station from (Permit 17-008) in the SW4 of Section 24 of Sandsville Township and to replace the existing 5 HP pump with a 7.5 hp pump. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote the Permit (20-021) was approved. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nays.

Administrator Praska gave a brief update on staff hours during the "Stay-at-Home" order issued by Governor Walz regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. A discussion was held on how to address payment of the District bills for the months of April and May.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution to Authorize Treasurer to Pay Monthly Bills

WHEREAS, it is not prudent in some or all cases for the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed Board (MSTRWD) of Managers, or any committee thereof, to meet in person, and it is not feasible to provide for any member of the Board, or of the public, to meet in-person at the regular meeting location due to the current health pandemic (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, the MSTRWD will not be having a regular in-person meeting on April 20, 2020 and it is anticipated that an in-person meeting will not take place on May 18, 2020 due to the current health pandemic (COVID-19) and Minnesota Statutes §13D.021 allows for meetings to be held via conference call;

WHEREAS, the MSTRWD normally approves the Treasurer's Report and authorizes payment of its bills pursuant to the check register at its 2nd regular monthly meeting;

WHEREAS, the MSTRWD will have financial obligations to meet at the time of the April 20, 2020 and May 18, 2020 regular MSTRWD meeting for payment of payroll and benefits, payroll taxes, office operating expenses, manager per diem, professional services, and other project expenses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MSTRWD Board of Managers authorizes the Treasurer, in consultation with the Administrator, to review and approve payment of the April and May check register.

Chairman Nelson called the question on the adoption of the resolution and said resolution was unanimously adopted with Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voting Yea, with no nays.

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Marshall County Commissioner, Rolland Miller, reported the State is considering deferring payment of property taxes due and payable in May 2020 to a later date.

The following meetings were announced:

April 20, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office
May 4, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the meeting be adjourned. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the Board approved the adjournment. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:28 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Secretary