

**APPROVED (August 17, 2020)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE**  
**MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (GARAGE)**  
**DUE TO STATE WIDE COVID-19 ORDER**  
**8:30 A.M. August 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Roger Mischel, Brad Blawat and David Bakke were present. Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Kyle Schlomann, Connie Kujawa, Danny Omdahl, Dean Danielski, Jim Duckstad, Gunnar Bowman, Jeremy Misselhorn, Eric Johnson, Wayne Torgerson, Steve Goodwin, Cole Goodwin, Lucus Goodwin and Jeff Fagerstrom were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen the agenda be accepted, as amended, with the addition of update on the impoundments. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 8:35 a.m.

A discussion was held concerning the request of Justin Johnson to pull back the spoil bank of Judicial Ditch #1, in sections 20 and 21 of Sandsville Township. Manager Petersen reported that he and Manager Mischel met with Eric Johnson and viewed the area and they believe the works would require an improvement project. A discussion was held on what to do with the spoil and what the effects would be downstream.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following permit be DENIED, until the Right of Way, downstream impacts and a plan for the excess spoil are determined:

1. Permit (20-047) Justin Johnson to pull back the South spoil bank of Judicial Ditch #1 from station 359+90 to station 412+97, in sections 20 and 21 of Sandsville Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Eric Johnson left the meeting at approximately 8:50 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the following permit be approved:

2. Permit (20-057) to Peter Hvidsten to install 135 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 70' spacing; gravity outlet into Tamarac River; SE4, Section 19, Wanger Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen the following permit be TABLED until Steve Goodwin has conversations with the adjacent landowners and a drainage plan is agreed upon:

3. Permit (20-061) Cole & Lucus Goodwin to install 160 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 100' spacing; 5 HP (750 gpm) pump. Pump will be on West line of quarter at the ~ 80 rod

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line, with the water flowing North; some regrading and sediment removal would need to take place; SW4, Section 11, Brislet Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Steve Goodwin, Cole Goodwin and Lucus Goodwin left the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

4. Permit (20-062) to A & R Rivard to install 152 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; 10 HP (993 gpm) pump in NW corner of field; to drain West in a property line ditch for ~ 1,300' to Snake River; NW4, Section 24, Big Woods Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel).
5. Permit (20-063) to Joey McGregor to install 109 acres drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 5 hp (774 gpm) VFD pump; outletting into North CSAH #14 ditch; SE4, Section 5, Comstock Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. David Bakke).
6. Permit (20-064) to Field Brothers to install 153 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacings; 5 hp (179 gpm) VFD pump; outletting into the East ditch of CR #32; SW4, Section 2, Middle River Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).
7. Permit (20-065) to Field Brothers to install 292 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; 15 hp (1372 gpm) VFD pump; outletting to East 410<sup>th</sup> Ave NW road ditch; W2, Section 36, Donnelly Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel).
8. Permit (20-069) to Southline & Torgerson Farms to install 274 acres drain tile; 15 hp (1288 gpm) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; outletting to South ditch of CR #67 through a dedicated outlet pipe under the county road; Conditions: The outlet pipe must have an air gap compliant with MSTRWD Rules. S2, Section 20, Brislet Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

The following permits were Administratively approved and reviewed:

9. Permit (20-066) to Jarod Peterson to move an existing field crossing with an 18" culvert on the East side of 300<sup>th</sup> Ave, approximately 50' South; NW4, Section 10, McCrea Strip Township.
10. Permit (20-068) to Jarod Peterson to move an existing field crossing culvert with an 18" culvert on the East side of 340<sup>th</sup> Ave ~ 20' North; NW4, Section 25, Warrenton Township.
11. Permit (20-070) to Marlin Mattson to install a new driveway crossing with a 30" culvert; North side of CSAH #28; SW4 SE4, Section 2, Newfolden Township.

Wayne Torgerson discussed the drainage issues around his farmstead in Section 17 of Brislet Township. Wayne is requesting to install (2) 36" culverts, one in the approach to the residence and one in the driveway to the shop. He stated upstream there are two 36" culverts and one 36" downstream. He stated he has started a dike on the East side of the property however it does

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not contain the water from entering the farmstead. The Board suggested the installation of a 36" culvert at the East line of the farmstead, in the vicinity of the dike, and a drainage ditch around the farmstead could be beneficial.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following permit be Tabled, pending review by the District Engineer and a plan is developed:

12. Permit (20-071) Wayne Torgerson to install a 36" CSP in the residence driveway and a 36" CSP in the shop driveway; SW4, Section 17, Brislet Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the following permit be DENIED. The applicant is advised to submit a new application for the installation of an 18" culvert:

13. Permit (20-067) Jarod Peterson to remove an existing field crossing with an 18" culvert and move an existing field crossing with a 36" culvert; SW4 north to quarter line; NW4, Section 15, Brislet Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Mike Bienek joined the meeting at approximately 9:54 a.m.

Jarod Peterson and Mike Rosendahl joined the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Jeff Hane, Dan Poolman, Chris Beals and Veronica Poolman joined the meeting at approximately 9:58 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen the meeting be recessed for purposes of conducting the Hearings on the Petitions to add lands to the Benefited area of Watershed Ditch #4 and Judicial Ditch #17. Motion unanimously carried.

The regular meeting was recessed at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen the Hearing on the Petition of Mike Bienek and Jarod Peterson to add Lands to the Benefited Area of Judicial Ditch #17 be opened. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Nelson called the hearing to order at approximately 10:00 a.m., and stated the Hearing is being recorded. Managers Petersen, Mischel, Nelson, Blawat, Kovar and Bakke were present. Others present: Attorney Jeff Hane, Danny Omdahl, Administrator Praska, Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schломann, Tony Nordby, Dean Danielski, Mike Bienek, Mike Rosendahl, Jarod Peterson, Veronica Poolman, Dan Poolman, Chris Beals, and Rolland Miller.

Administrator Praska presented the Notice of Hearing, Affidavit of Mailing and Posting of the Notice of Hearing, Description of the area, and the Petition.

Testimony was heard from Dean Danielski, Mike Bienek, Mike Rosendahl, Jarod Peterson, Veronica Poolman, Chris Beals, and Dan Poolman.

Dean Danielski stated his opposition in adding additional waters into the Judicial Ditch #17 system; Veronica Poolman opposed the petition citing there is too much water already moving

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past her property; and Mike Rosendahl stated he is not opposed to the tiling request, but has concerns with additional waters entering the system.

The Board deliberated and determined surface waters are already draining into Judicial Ditch #17 and no additional waters would be added to the system during flooding or high water events. The Board stated the Districts rules and conditions of the permit require all pumps are shut off until waters have receded. The Board also stated the petitioners are to monitor Dean Danielski's yard and use it as a trigger point to shut the pump off.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the Petition of Mike Bienek and Jarod Peterson to add lands to the Benefited area of Judicial Ditch #17 be granted. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the District assess a 5 year outlet fee, in an amount equal to the adjacent parcel, at \$50/acre on the lands, for a total of \$593.75 as described in the Petition as the N2 south and west of the unnamed coulee and the SW4, all in Section 10, Brislet Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the petitioners be assessed the costs associated with the hearing. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the following Findings and Order be adopted:

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION OF JAROD PETERSON & MIKE BIENEK  
TO DRAIN WATERS INTO JUDICIAL DITCH #17**

**FINDINGS & ORDER**

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing pursuant to MN Statute 103E.401, before the Board of Managers on August 3, 2020, at the MSTRWD office located at 453 North McKinley, Warren, Minnesota, at 10:00 a.m. The following were received as exhibits: Notice of Hearing, Attendance Sheet, Description of Area, Affidavit of Publication, Affidavit of Mailing and the Mailing List, Affidavit of Posting, and the Petition.

Persons appearing regarding the matter are set forth on the attached sign-in sheet marked Exhibit A.

The Board, having heard all of the testimony, and having reviewed all of the exhibits, and having fully considered the matter, hereby makes the following facts:

1. The Petitioner seeks to drain property into a public drainage system (JD #17), which property has not been assessed for benefits for the established drainage system. Petitioner seeks express authority from the District to drain the lands described on the attached Exhibit B. The District has jurisdiction over said lands, including Judicial Ditch #17;

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2. Due and proper notice has been provided;
3. The Board has considered the capacity of the outlet drainage system, and reviewed possible appropriate terms and conditions for use of the established drainage system, together with appropriate and reasonable terms for the Petitioner to pay as an outlet fee as and for benefits. The land to be benefitted is listed on the attached Exhibit B. If allowed to drain into Judicial Ditch #17, the property, shall receive benefits equal per acre to the adjacent land.

Based on said facts, the Board hereby makes the following:

ORDER

1. Petitioner may drain the lands described on the attached Exhibit B into Judicial Ditch #17 upon the payment of an initial outlet fee. That fee will be 5 times that of the adjacent lands. Thereafter, the Petitioner shall pay an annual fee at the same rate as the adjacent parcels.
2. Petitioner's property as described on the attached Exhibit B is henceforth liable for assessments levied from this date forward in the drainage system, on the basis of the benefits as if the benefits had been determined in the order establishing the drainage system.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers during which this hearing was held shall be attached hereto as evidence of the approval of these Findings and Order.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the Hearing on the Petition to add lands to the Benefited area of Judicial Ditch #17 be closed. Motion unanimously carried.

The Hearing on the Petition to add lands to the Benefited area of Judicial Ditch #17 was closed at approximately 11:06 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the Hearing on the Petition to add lands to the Benefited area of Watershed Ditch #4 be opened. Motion unanimously carried.

The hearing was called to order by Chairman Nelson at approximately 11:06 a.m. Chairman Nelson announced the hearing is being recorded.

Administrator Praska presented the Notice of Hearing, Affidavit of Mailing and Posting of the Notice of Hearing, Description of the area, and the Petition.

After hearing testimony and Board deliberation, the following motion was made:

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the Petition of Mike Bienek and Jarod Peterson to add lands to the Benefited area of Watershed Ditch #4 be granted. Motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the District assess a 5 year outlet fee, in an amount equal to the adjacent parcel, at \$20/acre on the lands, for a total of \$108.00 as described in the Petition as the SW4 SW4, of Section 10, Brislet Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the petitioners be assessed the costs associated with the hearing. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the following Findings and Order be adopted:

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION OF JAROD PETERSON & MIKE BIENEK  
TO DRAIN WATERS INTO WATERSHED DITCH #4**

**FINDINGS & ORDER**

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing pursuant to MN Statute 103E.401, before the Board of Managers on August 3, 2020, at the MSTRWD office located at 453 North McKinley, Warren, Minnesota, at 10:00 a.m. The following were received as exhibits: Notice of Hearing, Attendance Sheet, Description of Area, Affidavit of Publication, Affidavit of Mailing and the Mailing List, Affidavit of Posting, and the Petition.

Persons appearing regarding the matter are set forth on the attached sign-in sheet marked Exhibit A.

The Board, having heard all of the testimony, and having reviewed all of the exhibits, and having fully considered the matter, hereby makes the following facts:

1. The Petitioner seeks to drain property into a public drainage system (WD #4), which property has not been assessed for benefits for the established drainage system. Petitioner seeks express authority from the District to drain the lands described on the attached Exhibit B. The District has jurisdiction over said lands, including Watershed Ditch #4;
4. Due and proper notice has been provided;
5. The Board has considered the capacity of the outlet drainage system, and reviewed possible appropriate terms and conditions for use of the established drainage system, together with appropriate and reasonable terms for the Petitioner to pay as an outlet fee as and for benefits. The land to be benefitted is listed on the attached Exhibit B. If allowed to drain into Watershed Ditch #4, the property, shall receive benefits equal per acre to the adjacent land.

Based on said facts, the Board hereby makes the following:

**ORDER**

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3. Petitioner may drain the lands described on the attached Exhibit B into Watershed Ditch #4 upon the payment of an initial outlet fee. That fee will be 5 times that of the adjacent lands. Thereafter, the Petitioner shall pay an annual fee at the same rate as the adjacent parcels.
4. Petitioner's property as described on the attached Exhibit B is henceforth liable for assessments levied from this date forward in the drainage system, on the basis of the benefits as if the benefits had been determined in the order establishing the drainage system.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers during which this hearing was held shall be attached hereto as evidence of the approval of these Findings and Order.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the Hearing on the Petition to add lands to the Benefited area of Watershed Ditch #4, be closed. Motion unanimously carried.

The Hearing on the Petition to add lands to the Benefited area of Watershed Ditch #4 was closed at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the regular meeting be reconvened. Motion unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Attorney, John Kolb, joined the meeting via phone conference, to discuss the policy of Northland Township to allow only the installation of 24" culverts versus the District's policy to install culverts based on the drainage chart. Attorney Kolb, stated without clear clarification, and the issue of overlapping jurisdictions, if the District granted the installation of a 24" culvert, per Northland Township policy, he strongly recommended the Board document the reason for going against District policy or justify the reason for their decision.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

14. Permit (20-072) to Jarod Peterson to remove an unused crossing and (2) 48" culverts in the East ditch of 330<sup>th</sup> Ave NW; W2 NW4, Section 31, Brislet Township. (Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

Attorney, Jeff Hane, left the meeting at approximately 11:59 a.m.

15. Permit (20-073) to Stuart Nordling to install 84 acres drain tile, connecting to the existing tile in the NW4 of Section 3, Vega Township; NE4, Section 3, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).
16. Permit (20-074) to Jeff Fagerstrom to remove an existing dry crossing on the South line of section 2 and move it East approximately a quarter mile to the East property line, provided an 18" culvert is installed in the new township road approach. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

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Jeremy Misselhorn and Gunnar Bohlmann left the meeting at approximately 12:04 p.m.

17. Permit (20-076) to Peter Hvidsten to install 145 acres of field pattern drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 100' tile spacing; 5 hp (750 gpm) VFD pump; outlet to East CSAH #34 ditch; SW4, Section 10, Wanger Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel).

Technician Schlomann stated permit (20-075) of Jeff Fagerstrom has been withdrawn by the applicant.

The following permit was Administratively approved and reviewed:

18. Permit (20-077) to the Marshall County Highway Department to remove a 24" field crossing culvert and replace with a 24" culvert, East side of CR #128; ~ 450' S of bridge; south side of the Middle River; NW4, Section 3, Foldahl Township.

A discussion was held concerning the District's drainage chart policy and the policy of Northland Township. It was the contention of the Board, that the ditch in section 14 of Northland Township, currently is an open ditch and by allowing the installation of a 24" culvert the flow would be restricted.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the Permit (20-034) to Ed Honek be amended to install a 24" culvert, ~200' of an existing crossing, in the NE, of section 14, Northland Township, based on the fact that the ditch is an open ditch and the installation of the culvert would restrict the flow and there appears to be no detrimental resources downstream that would be affected. A roll call of votes was taken, Kovar, Bakke, Mischel, Blawat voted yah, Petersen and Nelson, nay.

It was the consensus of the Board that the District will not reimburse, Ed Honek, for travel costs to return the 18" culvert to Polk County.

Engineer, Nordby, informed the Board, that he is working on drafting the rock riffle designs for Judicial Ditch #1. He also reported Kraulik Excavating is working on the slough repair on Judicial Ditch #1, in Section 20 of Higdem Township; and Misselhorn Excavating will be observing Kraulik Excavating's work on the modifications to Steve Nelson's drain tile outlet at Steve's request.

Engineer, Nordby, presented two alternative designs for the failure in need of repair in Section 1 of Northland Township, on Judicial Ditch #75. The first alternative would include re-establishing the ditch bottom to approximate original grade; installing a rock riprap drop structure on the downstream end of the repair; and reshape the slope to a 4:1. Alternative #2 would include re-establishing the ditch bottom to approximate original grade; installing a rock riprap drop structure on the downstream end of the repair; reshape the slope to a 4:1 and add geogrid material to the north road slope. The Board directed Engineer Nordby to proceed with plans for Alternative #2.

Administrator Praska specified State disaster funds may be applied for to cover the costs of restoring the slough in Section 1 of Northland Township to its pre-disaster state. Additional alterations to the ditch bank to prevent future failures will not be reimbursable by the State.



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Administrator Praska reported Technician Omdahl and Manager Kovar viewed the flapgates on Judicial Ditch #75, in sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Northland Township. He also stated the costs of a 15" waterman gate is \$660 and an 18" waterman gate is \$1,050.00.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that 3-15" waterman gates be purchased at a cost of \$660.00 each, with the District paying 50% of the cost, provided 50% of the cost is paid by the landowner and installation of the gates is the responsibility of the landowner. Motion carried, with Mr. Robert Kovar abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM WATERSHED DITCH #5 BRF  
TO WATERSHED DITCH #5 MAINTENANCE FUND**

WHEREAS: The 1998 and 2005 General Obligation Bonds on Watershed Ditch #5 have expired, effective February 1, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District:

- 1) That the Treasurer be directed to pay any outstanding fees on Watershed Ditch #5, as determined the Polk County Auditor;
- 2) That upon payment of any outstanding fees for Watershed Ditch 5, that any monies remaining in the Watershed Ditch #5 Bond Retirement Fund shall be transferred to the maintenance and repair fund for Watershed Ditch #5 and that the proceeds of the levies received as a result of the lien filed against the properties for Watershed Ditch #5 will be hence forth credited to the maintenance and repair fund for Watershed Ditch #5, and that the monies in the maintenance repair fund shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and repair of Watershed Ditch #5 and that this fund is to be maintained along with the other ditch funds.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM WATERSHED DITCH #6 BRF  
TO WATERSHED DITCH #6 MAINTENANCE FUND**

WHEREAS: The 1998 and 2005 General Obligation Bonds on Watershed Ditch #6 have expired, effective February 1, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District:

- 3) That the Treasurer be directed to pay any outstanding fees on Watershed Ditch #6, as determined the Polk County Auditor;

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- 4) That upon payment of any outstanding fees for Watershed Ditch 6, that any monies remaining in the Watershed Ditch #6 Bond Retirement Fund shall be transferred to the maintenance and repair fund for Watershed Ditch #6 and that the proceeds of the levies received as a result of the lien filed against the properties for Watershed Ditch #6 will be hence forth credited to the maintenance and repair fund for Watershed Ditch #6, and that the monies in the maintenance repair fund shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and repair of Watershed Ditch #6 and that this fund is to be maintained along with the other ditch funds.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported the NRCS has approved extending the RCPP grant agreements on Judicial Ditch #14 and Judicial Ditch #19. The new expiration date will be September 30, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen the Chairman be authorized to execute the grant extension agreement with the NRCS for the Judicial Ditch #14 RCPP project. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the Chairman be authorized to execute the grant extension agreement with the NRCS for the Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP project. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Nordby reported he is waiting on the soil boring report performed by GeoTech on the Nelson Slough dike and he will be preparing a Preliminary Engineers Report and Wetland Delineation report.

Engineer Nordby reviewed the hydraulics and hydrology modeling performed on the Swift Coulee for a channel restoration alternative. He reported that the channel restoration alternative on the Swift Coulee causes increased peak flows on County Ditch #3 between CSAH #10 and the upstream end of County Ditch #3. He stated that retention is likely necessary for the channel restoration on the Swift Coulee to take place. He recommended a project team meeting be scheduled to share the channel restoration results and decision on the next steps moving forward.

Administrator Praska reported, Administrative Assistant, Connie Kujawa, is seeking Board approval to enter into a Phased Retirement Option with the Public Employees Retirement Association, effective October 1, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that Connie Kujawa be allowed to enter into a Phased Retirement Option with the Public Employees Retirement Association, effective October 1, 2020, and the Chairman be authorized to execute the Phased Retirement Agreement between the District and Kujawa. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported Kim Bjoralt, Human Resource Management Group, will be conducting in-person performance reviews of the District staff on August 11, 2020.

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Administrator Praska distributed the proposed 2020 spraying map on the District legal drainage systems. After Board review, Mr. Praska was directed to include Judicial Ditch #68 to the list of ditches to be sprayed by Larson Helicopter.

Administrator Praska reported the rental contract for ~200 acres of alfalfa located in section 7 of Comstock Strip Township, within the pool area of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, will expire at the end of 2020. The current lease holders, Tom Nelson and David Erlenmeyer, are requesting a one-year extension to the contract. The Board directed Mr. Praska to seek legal counsel from Brink Lawyers, P.A. to determine if a one-year extension to the contract is allowable and report back to the Board.

Administrator Praska briefed the Board on the status of the current water levels at the District impoundments.

Manager Mischel, announced the 2021 levy of the Red River Watershed Management Board has set at 75%.

Administrator Praska reported the Minnesota Association of Watershed District Annual Conference will be held virtually this year. Additional information will be coming later.

The following meetings were announced:

August 17, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office  
September 8, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:29 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Roger Mischel  
Secretary