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**APPROVED (as corrected August 18, 2014)  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT  
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN  
4:00 P.M. AUGUST 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Marvin Hedlund. Managers Marvin Hedlund, John W Nelson, David Bakke and Tom Neibauer were present. Managers Roger Hille, Ben Kleinwachter and Alvin Nybladh were not present. Danny Omdahl, Connie Kujawa, Ron Sorvig, LeRoy Vonasek, Lon Aune and Tony Nordby were also present.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson to approve the agenda, as amended, with the addition of Judicial Ditch #1, County Ditch #175 and Ditch Spraying. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Danny Omdahl reported:

1. That the recessed hearing on the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 will reconvene on September 2, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., and that a meeting was held with Jerry Bennett to discuss the amounts assessed to the benefitted area.
2. That the checks for damages in the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #25-1 have been prepared and are ready for signing per the Resolution of the Board, dated July 21, 2014.
3. That some benefitted properties along Judicial Ditch #20, Branch E, on the North side, appear to be lacking access to the system for drainage. Danny Omdahl stated he will assess the situation further.
4. That the preliminary survey of Judicial Ditch #15, Branch B has been completed by Houston Engineering. He also reported that the landowners are willing to sell property to fix the problem and that the Marshall County Highway Department is checking into FEMA funding and cost sharing with the District.
5. That the contractor retained to begin the sloughing repair on Judicial Ditch #1 is expected to begin next week.

A discussion was held concerning what options are available to address the drainage issue on County Ditch #175. Danny Omdahl stated that the landowners would need to file a petition for a repair or improvement project with the District since cleaning of the ditch from culvert to culvert is not an option.

Danny Omdahl reported that the map depicting the areas within the District in need of spraying is being finalized and will be forwarded to Cenex and to the helicopter spraying operator within the week.

Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 4:47 p.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. (14-022) to Robert Wesolowski to clean the ditch on the North side of the NRR track in the SW4 of Section 13 and to relay and lower the inlet end of a 48" CSP under the township road on section line 14/13 of Comstock Township. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke)

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2. (14-069) to Tim Sedlacek to install 55 acres drain tile; 1/4" coefficient, 40' spacing into a lift station, 5 HP (258 GPM) pump draining into county road ditch, NW4, Section 36, Warrenton Township. (Motion David Bakke, seconded Tom Neibauer)
3. (14-070) to Tim Sedlacek to install 90 acres drain tile; 1/4" coefficient, 45' spacing on the E2 and 55' spacing on E2 to gravity drain outletting to Snake River, NE4, Section 36, Warrenton Township, provided a shut off valve is installed. (Motion by Tom Neibauer, seconded by David Bakke)
4. (14-072) to Ben Kasprowicz to install a crossing with 24" CSP, South of Cty Road #27, NW4, Section 11, Lincoln Township. (Motion by David Bakke, seconded by Tom Neibauer)
5. (14-073) to Mike Bienek, Larry Olson and Jarod Olson to remove (2) 24" culverts and replace with (1) 30" culvert & widen crossing, S2 of Section 11, Helgeland Township, with the District to set the elevation. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded by David Bakke)
6. (14-074) to Joseph Altepeter to install a crossing with a 18" culvert, NE NE4, Section 3, Comstock Township. (Motion by David Bakke, seconded by Tom Neibauer)
7. (14-075) to Jeff Steer to widen an existing crossing and install a 18" culvert, SE4, Section 10, Brandt Township. (Motion John W Nelson, seconded Tom Neibauer)
8. (14-076) to Tamarac Township to install an 18" equalizer culvert in the dry crossing, NW4 SW4, Section 31, Tamarac Township, with the District to set the grade. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded David Bakke)
9. (14-077) to Tom Widner to install an 18" township road centerline culvert, NW4 NW4, Section 34, Tamarac Township. (Motion by David Bakke, seconded Tom Neibauer)
10. (14-080) to Marshall County Highway Dept to install a 88" span culvert and a 36" culvert, under Marshall County Road #109, SE4 NW4, Section 23, Tamarac Township. (Motion by David Bakke, seconded Tom Neibauer)
11. (14-082) Stoltman Farms to renew permit (13-029) to install 79 acres drain tile, 10 HP (1,390 GPM) pump, N2 NE4, Section 25, Middle River Township; to renew permit (13-030) to install 138 acres drain tile in SE4 of section 24, Middle River Township and install a high poly pipe under the county road to gravity drain into a lift station, N2 NE4, Section 25, Middle River Township, provided permission is received from Marshall County and from the adjacent landowner. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded David Bakke)
12. (14-083) to Marshall County Highway Department to remove a 15" culvert and replace with 24" culvert, SW4 SE4, Section 19, Marsh Grove Township. (Motion by David Bakke, seconded by Tom Neibauer)

The following permits were Administratively Approved:

1. (14-079) to Marshall County Highway Department to renew permit (14-004) to install an 18" culvert in crossing along Marshall County Road #114, N of CSAH #6, SE4, Section 2, Wright Township.
2. (14-084) to Marshall County Highway Department to remove a 30" culvert and replace 30" culvert, same location and grade, SW4 SE4, Section 6, Comstock Township.

The Board took no action on the following permits since no requested information was provided by the applicants:

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1. (14-047) Lein Schiller to repair dike along the north and south side of the Middle River in NE4 of Section 1 of Bloomer Township and the NW4, NE4 SW4 and SE4 SW4 of section 6 of Middle River Township
2. (14-050) Kent Bennitt to install 3 lines of drain tile, ~ 18 acres, 3/8" drain coefficient, outletting under trail road thru 8" pipe, SW4, Section 17, Foldahl Township.

The following permits were tabled:

1. (14-065) Joe Bienek to install 127 acres drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 100' spacing; 7.5 VFD pump (1100 GPM) draining into East township road ditch; clean sediment from East township road ditch along SW4 and clean stretch of North township road ditch in the , SE SE, Section 33, Wright Township., pending signatures are received from the adjacent landowners. (Motion by David Bakke, seconded Tom Neibauer)
2. (14-071) Alen Szczepanski to construct a dike ~2 feet high along the North side of an unnamed coulee, NW4 of Section 26, Wanger Township until the adjacent property owner is informed of the proposed work. (Motion by Tom Neibauer, seconded David Bakke)
3. (14-081) Jerry Pribula to install 159 acres drain tile 3/8" coefficient; 50' spacing to lift station with (2) 10 HP (3,000 GPM) pumps, draining into CD #175 South, NW4, Section 8, Northland Township, until clarification is received as to the amount of pumps requested. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded David Bakke)

The following permit was denied since the properties are not in the benefitted area of State Ditch #90:

1. (14-057) Brandon Langaas to remove a 24" N/S township road culvert draining northerly from NW4 of Section 5; to remove E/W 24" township road culverts draining westerly from NW4 of Section 5, Lind Township. (Motion John W Nelson, seconded David Bakke)

Danny Omdahl reported that a data practice request has been received from PO Box 155, Warren, Minnesota and a response is being prepared.

Lon Aune left the meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Red River Watershed Management Board is scheduled for August 19, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the Wild Rice Watershed District, in Ada, Minnesota.

Tony Nordby left the meeting at approximately 6:06 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding the proposal to work up and reseed the lands at the Off Channel Storage Site. It was the consensus of the Board to take no action.

Ron Sorvig left the meeting at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Danny Omdahl be authorized to sign the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation on the Oslo Study. Motion unanimously carried.

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Danny Omdahl reported that there is nothing new to report in regards to the lawsuit filed by Loren Zutz on the rental lands of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project or on the open meeting lawsuit filed by Elseth and Zutz on the District.

Danny Omdahl reported that the City of Argyle Wellhead Protection Plan has been approved and that a Field Day demonstrating Alternative Side Inlets will be held on August 19, 2014, with registration at the Red Lake Watershed District.

Danny Omdahl reported that a meeting was held with President, Roger Hille, Nick Drees and himself, to review the phased retirement option of Nick Drees.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for August 18, 2014 and September 2, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office and the 2015 budget hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2014, at 4:15 p.m., and the recessed hearing on the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 is scheduled to reconvene on September 2, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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David Bakke  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer