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USGS Stream Gage & Cost Share	8,500	Project Construction	50,000
Property Taxes	43,000	Stream Maintenance Total	3,500 529,640
		Less Estimated Project Expenses (1)	279,640
		Net Administrative Fund Budget	250,000

2) that the Secretary certify to the Auditors of Marshall, Polk, Pennington, Kittson and Roseau Counties an Administrative Fund Levy of **\$250,000**

3) that the Secretary certify to the Auditors of Marshall, Polk, Pennington, Kittson and Roseau Counties a Project Fund Levy of .036270 percent of the estimated Market Value of all the taxable property within the District.

4) that the Secretary certify to the Auditors of Marshall, Polk and Pennington Counties levies for the repair and maintenance of the Ditch funds as listed:

<u>Drainage System No</u>	<u>Percent (Benefits)</u>	<u>Levy Projected Receipts</u>
JD #1		
Marshall	1.00%	4,970
Polk	2.00%	63,370
WD #2		
Marshall	0.00%	0
SD #3		
Marshall	5.00%	4,920
WD #4		
Marshall	0.00%	0
Polk	0.00%	0
WD #5		
Polk	.10%	2,560
BRF	5.266%	135,220
WD #6		
Polk	1.00%	19,400
BRF	4.47%	86,800
WD #7		
Marshall	4.00%	12,180
Polk	2.00%	680
WD #7-lmp		
Marshall	0.00%	0
Polk	5.00%	2,710
JD #14		
Marshall	0.00%	0
Pennington	0.00%	0
JD #15		
Marshall	4.00%	61,420
JD #16		
Marshall	2.00%	18,580
JD #17		
Marshall	0.00%	0
Polk	0.25%	1,560
JD #20		
Marshall	1.00%	23,540
JD #21		
Marshall	0.00%	0
JD #24		
Marshall	0.00%	0

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Polk	0.00%	0
JD #25-I		
Marshall	4.00%	15,540
Polk	4.00%	22,840
Pennington	4.00%	2,160
JD #25-II		
Marshall	1.00%	700
Polk	.50%	2,140
Pennington	0.00%	0
JD #28		
Marshall	10.00%	5,590
JD #29		
Marshall	1.00%	22,370
CD #39		
Marshall	1.00%	1,250
CD #39 Improvement		
Marshall	3.00%	3,250
CD #43		
Polk	2.00%	23,520
CD #44		
Polk	1.00%	10,010
JD #68		
Polk	0.00%	0
JD #75		
Polk	.50%	18,260
BRF	0.00%	0
CD #175		
Polk	0.50%	5,900
PL 566 (lien)		
Marshall	0.282%	32,830
PL 566 (maint)		
Marshall	0.150%	17,480
PL 566 (operation)		
Marshall	0.029%	3,380

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the 2015 Budget Hearing be closed. Motion unanimously carried.

The 2015 Budget Hearing was closed at approximately 4:42 p.m.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the regular meeting be reconvened. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was reconvened at approximately 4:42 p.m.

Travis Nelson and Adawn Melby stated they would like to work up and reseed the properties of the District, at the Off Channel Storage Site, and to extend the rental agreement they have with the District for an additional 2 years. After discussion, it was the Board's position to request legal advice on this matter.

Nate Dalager joined the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

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Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the rental contract with Travis Nelson on the Off Channel Storage Site properties be extended for two years, expiring in 2019, if legal counsel concurs with lengthening the contract. Motion carried, with Mr. Ben Kleinwachter voting no, and Mr. Tom Neibauer abstaining.

Travis Nelson and Adawn Melby left the meeting at approximately 5:02 p.m.

Don Narlock and Dave Nelson, Warrenton Township Supervisors, discussed the roadside sloughing issue along sections 33 and 34 adjacent to Judicial Ditch #16.

The Board directed Houston Engineering to assess the sloughing issues along Judicial Ditch #16 and to compute cost estimates to repair the areas sloughing.

Don Narlock and Dave Nelson left the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported:

1. That the hearing on the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 will reconvene on September 2, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the District office;
2. That some properties in the Northeast Quarter of Section 11 of Warrenton Township do not have access to drainage into the Judicial Ditch #20 system that are included in the benefited area of the system. Danny Omdahl stated he will contact the landowner and review the situation.
3. That the cost estimate to repair the erosion problem on Judicial Ditch #15, Branch B is approximately \$102,000.00 and that Marshall County is working on cost sharing efforts with the District and securing FEMA funds for the repair.

A discussion was held concerning the state of Polk County Ditch #175. Danny Omdahl stated that there has not been an improvement or repair petition filed with the District. The District will confer with legal counsel for possible options that may be available to minimally clean the ditch. Houston Engineering was directed to view the area also and present some options for the Board to review.

Loren Zutz raised questions regarding the checks mailed to the individual landowners for damages relating to the establishment of a grass strip along Judicial Ditch #25-1.

Loren Zutz was directed to submit his questions, in writing, to the District.

Loren Zutz placed his recorder on the Board meeting table and left the meeting at approximately 5:55 p.m., leaving the recorder unattended.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. (14-050) to Kent Benitt to install 18 acres field drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; outletting under a trail road thru an 8" pipe in the SW4 of section 17 to the NW4 NW4 of section 20, Foldahl Township. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer)
2. (14-078) to Johnson Farms to lower an existing field crossing culvert and clean the ditch to the South, SW4, section 7, Farley Township. (Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh)

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3. (14-026) to Mark Blawat to amend permit to include an additional drain tile outlet to the Snake River, SW4 NE4 and NW4 SE4, section 1, Comstock Township. (Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded Mr. David Bakke)
4. (14-086) Jon W Nelson to install an 18" or 24" culvert with a trap under the township road, SW4, section 18, Sandsville Township, provided the District set the grade. (Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded Mr. Tom Neibauer)
5. (14-088) Gordon Wetterlund Jr to install 270 acres drain tile with a gravity outlet into Marshall County Ditch #42, NW4 of Section 12 and NE4 of section 11, Foldahl Township. (Motion Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded Mr. John W Nelson)

Loren Zutz re-joined the meeting at approximately 6:10 p.m.

The following permits were denied:

1. (14-047) of Lein Schiller to repair the dike along the north and south side of the Middle River in the NE4 of section 1 of Bloomer Township and the NW4, NE4 SW4, SE4 SW4 of section 6 of Middle River Township be denied until a meeting is held with the Marshall County Water and Land Coordinator. (Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke)
2. (14-081) of Jerry Pribula to install 159 acres field drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 50 foot spacing to a lift station with 2-10 HP (3000 GPM) VFD pumps; draining into the South Polk County Ditch 175 road ditch until a new permit is submitted for the pumps. (Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer)

The following permits were tabled:

1. (14-065) Joe Bienek to install 127 acres field drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 100' spacing; 7.5 VFD (1100 GPM) pump located in SW corner draining into East township road ditch; clean sediment from the east township road ditch along the SW4 and clean a stretch of the north township road ditch in SE4 SE4 of section 33, Wright Township, pending adjacent landowner signs the application for the ditch cleaning. (Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer)
2. (14-071) Alen Szczepanski to construct a dike ~ 2 feet high along the north side of an un-named coulee, NW4, section 26, Wanger Township until approval is received from adjacent landowners. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund)

The following permits were Administratively approved and reviewed:

1. (14-085) to Sharon Bring to widen a field crossing and replace the culvert, NW4, section 33, West Valley Township.
2. (14-089) to Jay Johnston to remove a 15" centerline culvert with trap and install a longer 15" culvert with trap, SE4 NE4, section 29, Angus Township.
3. (14-092) to Matt Ellerbusch to install a crossing with a 24" culvert, south Trunk Highway #1 ditch, NE4 NW4, section 5, McCrea Strip Township per MN DOT guidelines and permit.

Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the phased retirement agreement with Nick Drees be amended to adjust his time from 50% to 33% and his salary and leave time be reduced by 17%. Motion unanimously carried.

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Danny Omdahl reported that the Manager Oaths and the reorganization of the Board will be held on September 2, 2014.

A plaque was presented to Mr. Alvin Nybladh in recognition of his years of service to the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District.

The Outreach Coordinator report of Heidi Hughes was distributed. A discussion was held concerning hunting of waterfowl and the safety of the public. Heidi Hughes was directed to contact the US Fish and Wildlife office for options.

The Project Coordinator report of Nick Drees was distributed and reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the District join the pilot program, One Watershed/One Plan, with the Red Lake Watershed District. Motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that the Red River Watershed Board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2014, at the Wild Rice Watershed District, in Ada, Minnesota.

Danny Omdahl reported that a discharged employee has filed for unemployment benefits and that an appeal of the determination for benefits has been filed by the District.

Danny Omdahl reported that he has been in contact with an individual who may be a candidate for an Engineer Technician position with the District. The Board directed Danny to advertise for the position.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for September 2, 2014 and September 15, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office 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 7:23 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary

Project Coordinator Report

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RRWMB –

1. No new meeting held. Next meeting Tuesday at Ada 9:30
2. Meeting with Ron Harnack and representatives from Pine to Prairie Birding Trail after the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting Wednesday August 20th.

Lands –

1. Crops doing well

Oslo Access –

2. Still have not received Mn DOT agreement.

WRAPS –

1. Lower Red River (Tamarac River) – Nothing new
2. Grand Marais Coulee – New Phase II Work Plan
3. Snake River – Field studies to begin, possibly this week. Have notified landowners.

Project Work Teams –

1. Tamarac River – August 21st meeting in Stephen.
2. Others – JD #14/Lilac Ridge

Projects –

1. Agassiz Valley – Awaiting contractor to finish cleaning last 700 feet of outlet. Mowing complete
2. Brandt/Angus – Mowing complete
3. AO #4 – Mowing complete
4. PL 566 – Mowing complete

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Outreach & Education Activity Report - August 18, 2014

Tamarac River Project Work Team

A project team meeting is scheduled for 21 August (10am) at the Stephen Community Center. Refined the Problem Statement and reviewed the potential project sites in relation to identified damages.

Education & Outreach

Met with Stephen City Council on 4 August to discuss support of the birding trail. They want to install nest boxes – will connect with High School teachers.

Discussed locations for outdoor recreation opportunities with Jon Schneider (Ducks Unlimited) and Lynda Knutsen (Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge)

Birding Trail

The landscape architect (funded by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation) has completed the preliminary design and opinion of costs for the pollinator habitat demonstration gardens. The demonstrations will incorporate the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's BMPs for pollinators along roadsides, crop fields, grazing and residential gardens.

Met w/ West Polk Soil & Water Conservation District to discuss site preparation.

Met w/ US Fish & Wildlife Service "Partners for Fish & Wildlife to discuss funding for site preparations for pollinator gardens at Agassiz Valley.

Wrote & submitted grant application for pollinator garden installation costs – Minnesota Dept of Agriculture



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