The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, David Bakke and Brad Blawat were present. Manager Roger Mischel was not present. Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Jim Duckstad, Rolland Miller, Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schlomann, Steve Klopp, Karen Klopp, Ken Johnson, Jeremy Misselhorn, Danny Omdahl and Mike Enright were also present.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the agenda be approved, as amended, to include Permit (19-031) and Permit Completion Forms. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Steve and Karen Klopp addressed the drainage issues in Section 3 of Nelson Park Township (Marshall County) and Sections 34 and 35 of Deerwood Township (Kittson County). They stated a berm was constructed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Section 3 of Nelson Park Township to serve as a fire break to contain the City of Karlstad fire of 2012. Steve Klopp stated his property has come out of CRP and he is unable to farm the land since the berm is preventing waters from draining his property. Steve stated he contacted the MN DNR about removing the berm and the DNR contends that in 2018 they did not find any evidence the berm still exists. Administrator Praska reported he has had conversations with the NRCS and the DNR and the NRCS has stated Steve Klopp should complete Form 1026-Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Determination, since the NRCS has determined there are wetlands between 410th Ave and County Highway #14.

After discussion, the Board stated since the District does not have a legal system or project in the drainage area they are unable to provide funding or labor to survey the area in question. The Board recommended Steve and Karen Klopp continue talks with the DNR, contact the adjacent landowners and meet with the City of Karlstad. The Board stated they support Steve and Karen Klopp in their efforts to return drainage of the lands to the City of Karlstad pre-fire (2012) conditions and will assist in encouraging the DNR to help the Klopp’s resolve the drainage issue. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT WITH STEVE AND KAREN KLOPP

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar:

1. The District supports Steve and Karen Klopp in efforts to return drainage of lands in Section 3, Nelson Park Township, Marshall County, and Sections 34 and 35 of Deerwood Township, Kittson County, to the Karlstad pre-fire (2012) conditions; and
2. The District will encourage the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to help with efforts to alleviate the drainage issue.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported a requirement of Permits (19-029, 19-030 and 19-031) is that there must be a minimum vertical separation between the pump's pipe and the underground road or spoil pipe of 3 inches and this requirement was not adhered to in either permit. Mike Enright of Ellingson Inc., requested the Board consider an amendment to the permits to allow the installation of remote monitoring with LED lights to signify when the pumps are running or are in idle status in lieu of the 3 inch separation.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that Permits (19-029, 19-030 and 19-031) be amended to include the installation of remote monitoring with LED lights to signify when the pumps are running or are in idle status and that each pump is installed with a remote shut off. Motion unanimously carried.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. Permit (19-066) to Ken Johnson to install 80 acres drain tile; 10 HP (1100 gpm) VFD pump; 3/8" coefficient; 35' spacing, outletting into the Swift Coulee, SE4, Section 2, Warrenton Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen)

Ken Johnson left the meeting at approximately 9:50 a.m.

2. Permit (19-063) to Kenneth Kuznia to install 141 acres drain tile; 5 HP (663 gpm) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing, outletting to MCD #12, SW4, Section 32, Donnelly Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

3. Permit (19-064) to Jim Potucek to install 143 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 80' spacing; (2) gravity outlets into the Swift Coulee, SE4, Section 5, McCrea Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat).

4. Permit (19-067) to Brent Riopelle to install 150 acres drain tile; 5 hp (750 gpm) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; outletting into township road ditch, contingent upon the District receives the operating plan and the name of the tiling company. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

5. Permit 19-068) to Argyle Coop to install 2.5 acres drain tile; .5 hp (71 gpm) pump; 1.5" coefficient; 20' spacing; outletting into Highway #75 ditch; contingent upon the District receives a MPCA core sample report not more than 5 years old and a control switch is installed. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat).

The following permits were Administratively approved and reviewed:

6) Permit (19-052) to Oak Park Township to remove and replace 24" crossing culvert, N side of 250th St NW; SW4, Section 16, Oak Park Township.

7) Permit (19-062) to Hans Stordahl to install a field crossing with a 24" culvert, North side of 130th St NW; E2 SW4, Section 15, Northland Township.
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8) Permit (19-065) to Floyd Johnson to move an existing field crossing and culvert ~40 yards to the North, SE4, Section 36, Oak Park Township.

Jeremy Misselhorn left the meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported:

1. Work is progressing on the Repair of Polk County Ditch #175 with completion expected in September. He also reported Pribula Engineering will be submitting a pay request for consideration at the August 19, 2019 board meeting;

2. Technician Larson and Engineer, Tony Nordby, performed the final inspection on the Repair of Polk County Ditch #43 and stated seeding will be completed this week. Tony Nordby stated there are two areas where sediment will also be removed as part of the repair and he will be putting together a pay request for the next regular board meeting.

3. Lunke’s Inc, has competed the ditch slope erosion repair on the South side and repaired the slough on the West interior end of Judicial Ditch #1. He stated the seeding will be completed this week.

Tony Nordby reported the Project Team on the RCPP #14 Project met on July 17, 2019 at the Viking Café. He stated the meeting was well attended and that he presented and reviewed the Screening of Alternatives. He also stated he is reviewing the comments received, and they will be incorporated into the Screening Document before Concurrent Point #2 is submitted to the USACE.

Administrator Praska presented the revised Federal Agency Amendment for Extension of Time document with the NRCS on the RCPP #14 Project. He stated the previously executed document was an old form and is no longer accepted by the NRCS.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the Chairman be authorized to execute the Federal Agency Amendment for Extension of Time with the NRCS on the RCPP #14 Project, which extends the expiration date to September 30, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby reported the Project Team on the RCPP #19 Project met on July 18, 2019 at the Strandquist Community Center and Representative Dan Fabian was in attendance. He stated he will be working on drafting the Alternative Screening report. He also suggested holding a meeting with the MN DNR officials in Bemidji to discuss the project and the operating plan of the Nelson Slough. Tony, Manager Bill Petersen and Administrator Praska will attend.

Administrator Praska presented the revised Federal Agency Amendment for Extension of Time document with the NRCS on the RCPP #19 Project. He stated the previously executed document was an old form and is no longer accepted by the NRCS.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the Chairman be authorized to execute the Federal Agency Amendment for Extension of Time with the NRCS on the RCPP #19 Project, which extends the expiration date to September 30, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.
Steve and Karen Klopp left the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The proposed 2020 ditch levies were reviewed.

Manager Robert Kovar left the meeting at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Tony Nordby and Administrator Praska reported they are meeting with landowners along the Swift Coulee to discuss possible retention sites.

Administrator Praska presented a map showing the ditches that will be sprayed by helicopter.

Chairman, John W Nelson, inquired if the completion reports, as part of the District’s permit process, are being returned. Technician Schloemann stated some do get returned. After discussion, the Board directed the staff to send a letter to the applicants who do not complete and return the completion report to the District office, requesting completion of the report.

A discussion was held concerning the reimbursement of per diem for the District Managers. Administrator Praska reported, effective July 1, 2019, Legislature approved increasing Board Managers per diem from $75.00 per day to $125.00 per day. Currently, the District reimburses Managers an hourly rate of $25.00 per hour, with a maximum of $75.00 per day.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen to increase the Managers Per Diem, when conducting official Watershed business, to a maximum of $125.00 per day, with an hourly rate of $40.00, effective August 1, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported his two-year employment anniversary is approaching the end of August and stated the Personnel Committee will need to perform his Performance Evaluation. The Board directed Administrator Praska to schedule a meeting with the Personnel Committee to evaluate his performance and the performance of Technician Larson who will also reach his second year of employment in October.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., August 20, 2019, at the RRWMB office, in Ada, Minnesota.

Administrator Praska presented the Settlement Agreement on the NELD Lawsuit. He stated payment will not be made to the party until all parties have discharged their obligations in accordance with the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the Chairman execute the Settlement Agreement in the NELD Lawsuit. Motion unanimously carried.

Connie Kujawa announced she will be attending the COGNA meeting, in Thief River Falls, on August 15, 2019.

The following meetings were announced:

August 19, 2019-8:30 a.m.-Regular Meeting, District Office
August 19, 2019-10:00 a.m.-2020 Budget Hearing, District Office
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September 3, 2019-8:30 a.m.-Regular Meeting, District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:27 a.m.

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Connie Kujawa  Brad Blawat
Recording Secretary  Assistant Secretary/Treasurer