



APPROVED (August 19, 2013)

6. Permit (13-055) WJS Nelson to install 240 ac drain tile; ¼" coefficient, 50' spacing, 10 HP VFD (1500 GPM) pump; with a 8" PVC and trap thru JD #1 spoil, bordering the Red River, Sec 18 and 19, Higdem Township. (Motion John W Nelson, seconded Doug Sorenson)

Jeff Poe and Brian Murphy left the meeting at approximately 4:55 p.m.

7. Permit (13-069) Donald Strickler to remove sediment and add fill in township road ditch; regrade a 18" field crossing culvert from 2" – 4"; SW4, SE4 36, Angus Township. (Motion Ben Kleinwachter, seconded John W Nelson)

The following permit was unanimously tabled until adjacent landowners are contacted:

8. Permit (13-062) Jon Hapka to install 155 ac drain tile; ¼" coefficient, 7.5 VFD (1100 GPM) pump, SW4, Sec 24, Warrenton Township. (Motion John W Nelson, seconded Ben Kleinwachter)

The following permit was approved:

9. Permit (13-068) Brian Nelson to install 70 ac drain tile in S2 SW4, Sec 21; install 140 ac drain tile in NW4, Sec 28; 3/8" coefficient; 60' spacing and to connect both with 12" pipe under Cty Road #100 to connect to (2) 5 HP VFD pumps located on North line of SW4, Sec 28, Oak Park Township. (Motion Alvin Nybladh, seconded David Bakke, with John W Nelson abstaining)

Scott Peters joined the meeting at approximately 4:58 p.m., but did not stay.

A letter from Don Buckhout commending the District on their 2012 Annual Report was presented.

Ron Adrian reported that an approximate estimation to reslope the Vega township road slope (Judicial Ditch #20) could be \$10,000 per mile, assuming the road is moved by 10' with side slopes of 4:1.

Nick Drees reported:

1. Judicial Ditch #14 Redetermination of Benefits- the Viewers have apparently completed their field work and are in the process of determining ownership on some of the parcels. Houston Engineering has completed the survey to determine grass strip damages.

2. Judicial Ditch #16-no work on the crossing, in the E2 NW of Section 35 of Vega Township, is anticipated until after harvest.

2. Judicial Ditch #1-bid documents are ready to advertise for the resloping and cost estimates to replace some trees and move a bin are being solicited.

3. Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project-the MPCA is requesting information regarding the cleaning of the outlet (South Branch of the Snake River); the Corps of Engineers comment period has expired; and the determination of how many acres, along the coulee needed for right of way.

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Heidi Hughes reported that she has received a grant from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs from the University of Minnesota, for a student researcher, to research the US Highway 75 birding trail and for the preliminary design of the Visitor Center at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, in the amount \$7,200.00 and that a matching grant is needed, in the amount of \$1,500.00 to execute the grant.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the District authorize Heidi Hughes to proceed with the execution of the grant with the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and that the District provide matching funds in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Heidi Hughes reported that the second part of the proposal is a grant for approximately \$49,000.00, which also requires matching funds in the amount of \$13,000.00. She stated she has prepared a proposal for funding to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the District approve phase 2 of the project grant application collaborating with the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, which requires a 1/3 local match. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Heidi Hughes be authorized to pursue a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 with the Minnesota DNR Legacy Program with the District being the applicant, to remove trees in the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the Resolution Accepting the Contract of Zavoral Construction, on the Brandt/Angus Project, be amended, due to a clerical error, and the correct amount reflected on said resolution to be \$347,375.21. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees informed the Board what the lieu of taxes on the Brandt/Angus Project amount was per acre and if the Board wanted to revisit the decision to make the payment in lieu of taxes payment. The Board took no action.

Nick Drees reported:

1. that the MN Department of Dam Safety reviewed the District's impoundment sites and a few minor deficiencies were noted.
2. Tamarac Project Work Team- met in Stephen, Minnesota on August 1, 2013; and toured the Stephen dam and the Tamarac Rivers, West of Stephen.
3. Angus Oslo #4 - Brandt Township is requesting the District gravel 1 mile of roadway; and the slope is unstable in the NE of Section 9. Consensus of the Board is to fix the stability issue.
4. Marshall County Appointments-no appointments were made at their last meeting.
5. Snake River WRAP- MPCA will hire the firm requested by the District.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson to recommend to the MPCA the hiring of RESPEC for the Snake River WRAP project. Motion unanimously carried.

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A discussion was held concerning the recommendation of Brady-Martz to earmark funds for future major purchases. This item will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

Nick Drees reported:

1. that a meeting with two Polk County Commissioners, Brian Opsahl of Brady-Martz, a Board of Soil and Water Resources representative, and others was held to explain how QuickBooks and ditch funds are recorded. The commissioners expressed satisfaction with the process.
2. That maps of legal drainage ditches, under the jurisdiction of the District, have been prepared and quotes for spraying are being solicited;
3. That the District is still waiting for the new computer systems to arrive;
4. The City of Oslo/Red River Study-the Northwest Regional Development Commission is looking for someone to take the lead in the modeling of the Red River to provide access to Oslo during flooding events.

Legal:

1. Loren Zutz has been granted a second extension by the District Court in the Open Meeting lawsuit against the District, regarding his compensation for legal fees
2. Judicial Ditch #25-1 Redetermination of Benefits Appeal-council is working towards mediation.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Marvin Hedlund  
Secretary