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APPROVED (as corrected December 15, 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. DECEMBER 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers Tom Neibauer, David Bakke, Marvin Hedlund, John W Nelson, Ben Kleinwachter and Roger Hille were present. Manager Jim Jubie was not present. Nick Drees, Danny Omdahl, Deb Rynda, Connie Kujawa, John Kolb, Rolland Miller and Scott Peters were also present.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the agenda be accepted, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Scott Peters inquired if the District would be interested in procuring with Marshall County on a Grant Writer. He stated the Grant Writer would be compensated approximately \$75,000.00 per year

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the District expend 10%, up to \$7,500.00, to utilize the services of the Grant Writer with Marshall County. Motion unanimously carried.

Scott Peters left the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported:

1. the hearing on the petition of Don Diedrich and Others to remove lands and abandon some lands on Judicial Ditch #25-1 will be held tonight, at 6:00 p.m., at the District office.
2. the sediment has been removed from the South side of County Ditch #175 in Sections 11, 12, 8 and 9 and due to the weather, the contractor has suspended work for the season;
3. if the Board is to set a levy on the redetermination of benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 it has to be filed with the Counties before December 31, 2014;

A discussion was held concerning the inverted culvert on County Ditch #175. Danny Omdahl stated that he contacted Esther Township inquiring if they would be replacing the culvert. He stated he has not received a response. The Board will address this matter after a response is received from Esther Township.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the District set the levy on the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14, at 3%, payable in 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that payment for the stream gauges, be made to the RRWMB, in the amount of \$8,300.00, for the 2014-2015 season. Motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the District expend up to \$5,000.00 with the Sentence to Serve Program to remove areas of deadfall trees and debris from areas within the District. Motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held concerning the rental contract with DJR Farms, Inc on the March Impoundment properties. Danny Omdahl was directed to send a letter to the renter stating the rental agreement will not be adjusted and that payment of the full amount is due.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that permit (14-065) of Joe Bienek to install 127 acres drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 100' spacing; 7.5 VFD pump (1,100 GPM) draining into township ditch, N2 NW4 & S2 SW4 of Section 34, Wright Township be denied since the Board has not received any additional information that has been requested. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the employee's salaries be increased .50¢ per hour, for 2015, in accordance with the Personnel Policy. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence from Houston Engineering regarding setting up the District employees on a domain email system was distributed. The Board recommended the District employees check into purchasing an email program and report their findings back to the Board.

Danny Omdahl reported he has sent a response to a data practice request received from Park Rapids, Minnesota.

John Kolb stated the trial regarding Elseth et al vs Hille et al, is scheduled to be heard on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at the Marshall County Courthouse in Warren, Minnesota. He also recommended a Notice be posted, announcing the Board of Managers will be participating and observing the trial.

John Kolb reported that he is participating in the re-writing of the Board of Water and Soil Resources Drainage Manual.

Alvin Asp, Everett Langlett and one other individual joined the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported that the 2014 recipient of the MAWD Project Award has been awarded to the Capital Region Watershed District.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for December 15, 2014 and January 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary