

APPROVED (December 17, 2018)
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
8:30 A.M. December 3, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar and Brad Blawat were present. Manager Roger Mischel was not present. Joel Praska, Tony Nordby, Kyle Schlomann, Tyler Larson, Connie Kujawa and LeRoy Vonasek were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the agenda be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported the following land rental contracts are expiring December 31, 2018:

March Impoundment	Section 17 & 11, Sandsville Twp	~ 140 tillable acres
Brandt/Angus Imp	Section 19, Brandt Twp	~ 90 tillable acres
PL-566	Section 1, Boxville Twp	~ 26.8 acres hayland
OFCSS (PL-566)	Section 14, Comstock Twp	~ 44 tillable acres
Agassiz Valley	Comstock Strip, McCrear Strip, Brislet & Helgeland Twp	~35 acres hayland

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar, the above listed land rental contracts, expiring December 31, 2018, be advertised for rent, with the bid(s) for the full amount on a 3 year term, and not a per acre basis, with the bids due February 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., at the District office, with the awarding of the bids scheduled for the March 4, 2019 board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported Darren Carlson from the Marshall County SWCD will not be able to attend today's meeting, however, he presented the payment voucher from the Marshall County SWCD for cost share assistance on the Side Water Inlet Repair of State Ditch #3, in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the Chairman be authorized to execute the payment voucher with the Marshall County SWCD, in the amount of \$40,000.00, for cost share assistance on the side water inlet repair project on State Ditch #3. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported the District received a data practice request from Park Rapids, Minnesota, and the requested documentation has been sent to the requestor.

Managers Brad Blawat, Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar and Administrator Praska reported on the highlights of the MAWD Annual Meeting and Trade Show, held November 29 to December 1, 2018, in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by M. Robert Kovar the 2019 Board Meeting schedule be adopted, as follows:

Monthly Meeting	Time	Alternate Date	Time
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Date			
January 7, 2019	8:30 a.m.	January 14, 2019	8:30 a.m.
January 22, 2019	8:30 a.m.	January 23, 2019	8:30 a.m.
February 4, 2019	8:30 a.m.	February 11, 2019	8:30 a.m.
February 19, 2019	8:30 a.m.	February 20, 2019	8:30 a.m.
March 4, 2019	8:30 a.m.	March 11, 2019	8:30 a.m.
March 18, 2019	8:30 a.m.	March 19, 2019	8:30 a.m.
April 1, 2019	8:30 a.m.	April 8, 2019	8:30 a.m.
April 15, 2019	8:30 a.m.	April 16, 2019	8:30 a.m.
May 6, 2019	8:30 a.m.	May 13, 2019	8:30 a.m.
May 20, 2019	8:30 a.m.	May 21, 2019	8:30 a.m.
June 3, 2019	8:30 a.m.	June 10, 2019	8:30 a.m.
June 17, 2019	8:30 a.m.	June 18, 2019	8:30 a.m.
July 1, 2019	8:30 a.m.	July 5, 2019	8:30 a.m.
July 15, 2019	8:30 a.m.	July 16, 2019	8:30 a.m.
August 5, 2019	8:30 a.m.	August 12, 2019	8:30 a.m.
August 19, 2019	8:30 a.m.	August 20, 2019	8:30 a.m.
September 3, 2019	8:30 a.m.	September 9, 2019	8:30 a.m.
September 16, 2019	8:30 a.m.	September 17, 2019	8:30 a.m.
October 7, 2019	8:30 a.m.	October 15, 2019	8:30 a.m.
October 21, 2019	8:30 a.m.	October 22, 2019	8:30 a.m.
November 4, 2019	8:30 a.m.	November 12, 2019	8:30 a.m.
November 18, 2019	8:30 a.m.	November 19, 2019	8:30 a.m.
December 2, 2019	8:30 a.m.	December 9, 2019	8:30 a.m.
December 16, 2019	8:30 a.m.	December 17, 2019	8:30 a.m.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board directed Administrator Praska to schedule a meeting on December 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., with the Personnel Committee, to discuss 2019 employee compensation, with an alternate date of December 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Administrative Assistant, Connie Kujawa, inquired if any manager would be interested in attending the Rinke Noonan Drainage Conference scheduled for February 14, 2019, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. It appears no Manager would be attending, but they stated Administrator Praska could attend if he so desires.

Ernest Pribula joined the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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Correspondence regarding the 36th Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference scheduled for January 15-17, 2019., in Grand Forks, North Dakota, was distributed.

Tony Nordby stated, the Border Township Associative Group (BTAG), is looking for funding sources to develop a simplified, condensed presentation on the Oslo Access study. The Board stated they would look at funding a portion of preparing the presentation, but they also want the State of North Dakota to provide funding.

James Bergman, Derrick Gowan and Craig Jones, members of BTAG, joined the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

After a discussion with the BTAG members, the Board directed Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, to put together a cost proposal to prepare a condensed presentation on the Oslo Access study and to seek funding with the State of North Dakota.

James Bergman, Derrick Gowan and Craig Jones left the meeting at approximately 10:22 a.m.

The following meetings were announced:

December 17, 2018- Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
January 7, 2019- Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:24 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Brad Blawat
Assistant Sec/Treasurer Secretary