The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers Ben Kleinwachter, John W. Nelson, David Bakke and Roger Hille were present. Managers Jim Jubie and Tom Neibauer were not present. Ron Sorvig, Ron Lodby, Danny Omdahl, Debbie Rynda, Connie Kujawa, Ron Adrian, LeRoy Vonasek, Rolland Miller, and Mark Judovsky were also present.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

My unanimous consent, the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were accepted, as presented.

Bob Kovar joined the meeting at approximately 4:07 p.m.

Mark Judovsky stated he would like the District to continue the re-sloping of Judicial Ditch #75 into section 1 of Tabor Township and that both north and south slopes be done. The Board directed that District staff will survey the area, in the spring, and relay the data to Houston Engineering for recommendations.

Danny Omdahl stated the request of Wilbur Novacek to re-route the diagonal reach of Judicial Ditch #75, in section 2, would require a petition. The Board directed Danny Omdahl to schedule a meeting with Wilbur Novacek and Mark Judovsky to review the approximate costs to re-route the ditch.

It was the consensus of the Board, to delay advertising for bids on the resloping of Judicial Ditch #75, in the NE4 section 2 and section 1, until the spring.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the District set the price of $4,750.00 per acre for the temporary and permanent right of way easements, for approximately 10 acres, for the resloping of Judicial Ditch #75. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board took no action on the following permits pending review of additional information yet to be received:

1. Permit (14-165) Brandon Langaas to remove an E-W 30" township road centerline culvert, NW4 of section 5, East Park Township, with District to resize the culvert.
2. Permit (14-166) Brandon Langaas to remove an E-W 24" township road centerline culvert, NW4 of section 4, East Park Township, with the District to resize the culvert.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the District reimburse the Red River Watershed Management Board, $500,000.00, as final payment on the loan, for the Brandt/Angus Project. Motion unanimously carried.
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APPROVED (February 17, 2015)

By unanimous consent, the Board amended the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule to include the wording “inclement weather” in reference to the Alternate Dates listed on the schedule.

Danny Omdahl reported that Nick Drees submitted a letter of resignation and will terminate employment with the District effective March 1, 2015. The District staff was directed to schedule an open house, tentatively for March 2, 2015, to honor Nick Drees for his years of service with the District.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Mr. David Bakke relinquish his duties as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and assume the duties of Secretary of the Board of Managers. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that Mr. Jim Jubie assume the duties of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Managers. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Jim Jubie joined the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning future projects, staffing, and the position of the District.

Danny Omdahl reported that Attorney Jeff Hane received word that the defamation lawsuit filed by Loren Zutz, against the District in 2008, has been appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Correspondence regarding the 2015 MAWD Legislative Day at the Capitol scheduled for March 11 and March 12, 2015, in St. Paul, Minnesota, was distributed.

Danny Omdahl announced the Red River Watershed Board meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015, at the Red Lake Watershed District, in Thief River Falls, MN.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for February 17, 2015 and March 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM, at the District office.

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

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary