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APPROVED (February 18, 2020)
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. February 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, David Bakke, Roger Mischel, Brad Blawat and Robert Kovar were present. Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Connie Kujawa, Gunnar Bowman, Earl Pawlowski and Jim Duckstad were also present.

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

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held with Lon Aune, Marshall County Engineer, and Earl Pawlowski in regard to the permit application of the Marshall County Highway Department to rebuild CSAH #20 from US Highway #75 to CSAH #3, in Warrenton and McCrea Township. Earl Pawlowski stated he has concerns that the proposed removal of the 18" culvert (Sta 129+81) and the installation of a dry crossing in the NW4 of Section 17, McCrea Township, would force more water onto his property in Section 17 of McCrea Township. Questions were also raised on the proposed north/south centerline culvert (Sta 145+50), in the SE4 of Section 8 and the NE4 of Section 17, McCrea Township. After discussion, the following permit was unanimously approved:

1. (Permit 20-004) to the Marshall County Highway Department to rebuild CSAH #20, from US Highway #75 to CSAH #3, in Warrenton and McCrea Township, provided 1) the 18" East/West culvert (Sta 129+81) remain in place under 320th Ave NW, in Section 8 and Section 17, McCrea Township; and 2) a ditch block is installed in the North ditch along CR #20, in the SE4 of Section 8 of McCrea Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

Earl Pawlowski left the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Lon Aune left the meeting at approximately 9:32 a.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

2. (Permit 20-001A) to George Cariveau to amend permit (20-001) to lower an existing 36" RCP centerline culvert under CSAH #23, draining Southerly into WD #5, with the elevations determined by the Watershed District, SW4, Section 10, Northland Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel).
3. (Permit 20-006) to BNSF Railroad to replace the existing 70' 5-span timber structure, crossing an unnamed coulee with a 78' 3-span precast concrete structure; NE4, Section 27, Angus Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

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4. (Permit 20-007) to Joel Anderson to renew permit (18-119) to move a field crossing with an 18" culvert ~ 20 rods to the North; to replace 18" culvert with a 24" culvert with flapgate; outletting to JD #20, Branch A, NW4, Section 23, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

The following permit was unanimously tabled. The Board would like to see the landowners work together to arrive at an agreement to keep the waters in the drainage system without causing downstream effects:

5. (Permit 20-008) Derek Petersen to install 146 acres drain tile; 5 hp (686 GPM) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 40' & 80' spacing; outletting to North CR #67 road ditch; SE4, Section 20, Brislet Township. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

Administrator Praska reported Pribula Engineering has submitted Pay Request #3, in the amount of \$92,008.36, for the Polk County Ditch #175 project. He stated a check will be drafted for consideration of payment at the next regular meeting. He also reported he has submitted the interim grant report to the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources.

Dillon Nelson, HDR Engineering, reported landowner meetings are continuing on the Newfolden Project, and so far, all the landowners are on board. Administrator Praska recommended the Board determine a purchase price for the footprint, flowage easement and "good faith" or "earnest money" that can be presented to the landowners and incorporated in the Easement Purchase Option and Pre-Construction Agreement with the landowners and the Watershed District.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the landowners, in section 33 and 34 of New Maine Township, be offered \$1,250.00/acre for the footprint and \$875.00/acre for flowage easements and good faith funds be offered to Lindemoen and Strange in the amount of \$6,000.00; to Gerald and Barry Nelson, in the amount of \$3,000.00 and David Lokstad, in the amount of \$2,500.00, with the good faith funds in effect for 5 years. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, reported a Project Team meeting, on the Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP Project is scheduled for January 12, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at the Strandquist Community Center. He stated he will present the alternatives and inform the project team of the discussions that have been held with the MN DNR on proposed changes to the Nelson Slough. He stated they will also be looking at identifying the drainage issues in Section 30 of East Park Township and options to stabilize the outlet. Administrator Praska stated he anticipates a Memorandum of Understanding with the MN DNR will be drafted soon.

Tony Nordby reported that at the last board meeting, the Board directed him to look into channel restoration, culvert sizing and set back levees on the Swift Coulee/CD #3 project. He stated he has a few other options for the Board to consider. One option would be to not have the channel restoration as deep and the second option would be to consider low flow meanders with buffers to reduce sediment. The Board directed Tony to continue with modeling different options for the Board to consider.

Administration Praska reported RESPEC is requesting the grant agreement on the Snake-Middle River Wraps, Phase 2; be extended to June 30, 2020.

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Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that Chairman, John W Nelson, be authorized to execute the grant agreement extension, on the Snake-Middle River Wraps Phase 2 project, with RESPEC, Inc, with the expiration date extended to June 30, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the District advertise and solicit bids for equipment rental for the 2020 construction season. Motion unanimously carried.

A flyer announcing the 17th Annual Red River Basin Water Quality Monitoring Training, scheduled for March 2, 2020, at the UMC in Crookston, Minnesota was distributed. It was the consensus of the Board that one of the District's Technician's attend the training.

Administrator Praska reported the Board's alternate to the Red River Watershed Management Board is currently Mr. John W Nelson, however, Manager Mr. Bill Petersen has attended meetings in place of John. He inquired if the Board wished to change the District's alternate to the Red River Watershed Management Board.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that Mr. Bill Petersen be appointed the District's alternate to the Red River Watershed Management Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence from the Red River Watershed Management Board regarding the 22nd Annual Red River Watershed Management Board/Flood Damage Reduction Joint Conference, scheduled for March 10-11, 2020, at the Marriott Hotel in Moorhead, Minnesota, was distributed. Managers, Bill Petersen, John W Nelson, David Bakke, Brad Blawat, Robert Kovar, Roger Mischel and Administrator Praska will be attending.

Correspondence from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts regarding the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol, scheduled for March 18 -19, 2020, was distributed. Manager Mr. John W Nelson and Administrator Praska will attend.

Administrator Praska reported that the BTAG Group had scheduled a meeting on January 29, 2020, with Rob Sip, Red River Watershed Management Board Executive Director, to seek funding options to assist with moving forward with the Oslo Access project. He stated he received a call from James Bergman of the BTAG Group requesting a meeting be scheduled with the BTAG Group, Rob Sip and himself. Administrator Praska stated the meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020.

The following meetings were announced:

February 18, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office
March 2, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office
March 10-11, 2020-March Conference-Moorhead, MN

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:06 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Secretary