The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers Ben Kleinwachter, John W. Nelson, Jim Jubie, and David Bakke were present. Manager Tom Neibauer was not present. Ron Sorvig, Tony Nordby, Danny Omdahl, Debbie Rynda, Connie Kujawa, Ron Adrian, Nick Drees, Rolland Miller, Steve Olson, Kevin Kruger, Mark Judovsky, David Judovsky, Randy Knott, Paul Novacek, Wilbur Novacek and Chris Wood were also present.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke, to approve the agenda, as amended, with the addition of Steve Olson to Guests. Motion unanimously carried.

Manager, Mr. Roger Hille, joined the meeting at approximately 4:08 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that the following bills be paid; from the Administrative Funds: that payroll checks numbered 5752 through 5765 inclusive for a total of $13,787.56; that checks numbered 16447 through 16486 inclusive, including the service charge for a total of $27,749.69; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2451 through 2455 inclusive, for a total of $42,193.68; from the RRWMB funds that check numbered 166 for a total of $5,148.11; and from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 2814 through 2824 inclusive, for a total of $256,865.90 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Wilbur Novacek stated he would like a portion of Judicial Ditch #75, in section 2 of Tabor Township rerouted. He stated he would prefer the diagonal reach be filled in and re-routed to the East side and the North side of section 2. The Board stated they would review the process and their options regarding this request.

Dave Lind stated that during the resloping of Judicial Ditch #1, the District removed a non-functioning culvert in section 14 of Higdem Township. He is requesting a new culvert be installed on the west end of section 14, with the District bearing the cost of the culvert and he would cover the cost of installation. Dave Lind was directed to fill out a permit request for the proposed culvert.

Dave Lind left the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Steve Olson reported that he had installed 4- 24” side inlet culverts on Judicial Ditch #14 through a NRCS program. He stated he was not informed that a permit needed to be completed with the District. The Board stated that they do not issue after the fact permits, however, it will be noted in the file that the activity took place. Mr. Olson was directed to submit documentation with the location of the culverts.

Steve Olson left the meeting at approximately 4:58 p.m.
Mark Judovsky stated he would like the District to continue with the resloping of Judicial Ditch #75 into section 1 of Tabor Township. The Board will review and investigate his request.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the plans and specifications to reslope Judicial Ditch #75 be revised to exclude the E2 of section 2 of Tabor Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Wilbur Novacek, David Judovsky, Mark Judovsky, Paul Novacek, Kevin Kruger and Chris Wood left the meeting at approximately 5:05 p.m.

Danny Omdahl stated the Board would need to set a per acre price for the right of way needed for the resloping of Judicial Ditch #75. The Board directed Danny to check with the Polk County Assessor on recent land sales to determine a fair amount and report these findings back to the Board.

Danny Omdahl reported that Darrell Slominski would like the culvert scheme on Judicial Ditch #24 corrected due to the various sized culverts on the system. Danny Omdahl was directed to inform Mr. Slominski that it appears a petition would be required to change the culverts sizes.

No action was taken on the following permits as Houston Engineering and the District staff are reviewing additional information:

1. Permit (14-165) Brandon Langas 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 Langass 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. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that Permit (15-002) be issued to the Minnesota Department of Transportation to rehabilitate 21.9 miles of MN Trunk Highway #32 in Pennington and Marshall Counties, contingent upon the District staff receive and review the hydraulics in regards to the 10' x 8' box culvert change. Motion unanimously carried.

Ron Sorvig left at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Danny Omdahl distributed the proposed design of the Pollinator Garden at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management site. He stated the proposed location would be on the West side of the Minnesota Audubon property. The Board directed Danny to schedule a meeting with the Agassiz Audubon Sanctuary Board members.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson to advertise for the rental of a portion of the PL-566 Floodway west of US Hwy 75, for a 4 year term. Motion unanimously carried.
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Costs to put the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project properties into hay were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the low quote of Argyle Coop for seed and fertilizer and advertise for tillage quotes on a per/acre basis. The rental agreement with Travis Nelson on the Off Channel Storage Site was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that the agreement will terminate at the end of 2019.

Danny Omdahl reported that the Tamarac Subwatershed Damages Statement prepared by Henry Van Offelen has been received. He stated he, staff and Houston Engineering will meet with Mr. Van Offelen to address some issues in the statement and that a Project Work Team will be scheduled in the near future.

The agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding the Red River of the North Floodway Hydraulic study was discussed.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that the District approve payment of $9,260.78 to fund the shortage of the Red River of the North Floodway Hydraulic study with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Motion carried, with Mr. Roger Hille abstaining.

A data practice request from PO Box 467, Park Rapids, Minnesota was received.

Mr. Jim Jubie inquired if the Board was interested in changing the start time of the Board meetings. It was the consensus of the Board that the meeting time remain at 4:00 p.m.

The 2014 year ending financial reports were distributed and reviewed.

Mr. Ben Kleinwachter and Danny Omdahl reported that they attended the Board of Soil and Water Resources Hearing in Bemidji, in regards to the Petition of Polk County to redistribute the managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District.

The Red River Watershed Management Board meeting was held January 13, 2015 in Moorhead, Minnesota and the 17th Annual Joint Conference of the Red River Watershed Management Board and the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group is scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2015.

There was no Project Coordinator report.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that the existing data policy remain in effect as is with no modifications. Motion carried, with Mr. John W Nelson opposing.

Danny Omdahl reported that the contract with Heidi Hughes expires at the end of February 2015.

Mr. Ben Kleinwachter requested that the next meeting agenda include discussion on appointing a delegate to the Agassiz Audubon Committee to replace Doug Sorenson.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that the designated depositories of the District will be the Bremer Bank of Warren, the Frandsen Bank of
Warren, and others, as determined by the Treasurer of the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the Warren Sheaf and the Middle River Honker be designated the official newspapers of the District; and that official publications may be made in any or all of the following newspapers, as required by statute: Warren Sheaf, Stephen Messenger, Crookston Times, Thief River Times, Kittson County Enterprise, Roseau Times and the Middle River Honker. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the District retain the legal services of Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm et al, as the legal counsel for the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Jim Jubie, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that Houston Engineering be designated the Engineering firm for the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence from the US. Geological Survey regarding the USGS streamgage network and a notice regarding a Grasslands and Grazing Workshop was distributed.

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

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer