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APPROVED (February 3, 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. January 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, David Bakke and Roger Mischel were present. Manager Brad Blawat was not present. Manager Robert Kovar joined the meeting at approximately 9:02 a.m. Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Connie Kujawa, Danny Omdahl and Gunnar Bowman were also present.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen 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 6, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Dillon Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 8:37 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds; payroll checks #6435-6440 inclusive for a total of \$8,980.72; checks #18492-18498 inclusive, including the service charge and ACH withdrawal, for a total of \$21,777.69; from the Project Funds: checks numbered 3083-3087 inclusive for a total of \$35,333.48; and from Ditch Funds: checks numbered 3335-3346 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total \$6,791.54. Motion unanimously carried.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. (Permit 20-001) to George Cariveau to lower an existing 36" centerline culvert under CSAH #23, that drains Southerly into WD #5 (Sta 293=65) ~ 2 feet, with the District to set the elevation. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel).
2. (Permit 20-002) to Kent Rivard to install 153 acres drain tile; 5 hp (719 GPM) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; outlet to JD #20, Branch A; NE4, Section 23, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel)
3. (Permit 20-003) to Timothy Rivard to install 170 acres drain tile; 7.5 hp (755 GPM) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 40' spacing; outlet to JD #20; N2, Section 14, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. David Bakke)
4. (Permit 20-005) to Brian Erickson to lower 36" RCP centerline culvert under CSAH #23, draining Southerly into WD #5; SW4, Section 9, Northland Township; District to set the elevation. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

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The following permit was unanimously tabled, until the Polk County Highway Department road plan is reviewed to determine the elevation of the culverts and the grade of the ditch.

5. (Permit 20-001) George Cariveau to regrade the East township road ditch $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the North and the North CSAH #23 ditch $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the East and lower (2) crossing culverts to grade in the SW4, Section 10, Northland Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel).

The following permit was unanimously tabled, until the District verifies the affected landowners have been contacted and a determination is made regarding the drainage effects of installing a new 24" x 64' RCP draining from the SW4 of Section 8 McCrea Township to the NW4 of Section 17, McCrea Township.

6. (Permit 20-004) Marshall County Highway Department to rebuild CSAH #20 from US Highway #75 East to CSAH #3, Warrenton & McCrea Townships. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen)

Administrator Praska reported he has been contacted by an individual who would like to flatten the back slope of Polk County Ditch #175, in the NW4 of Section 9, Northland Township. He stated the individual also inquired if the District would cost share for the work. It was the Board's position, that the individual requesting to flatten the slope is not the landowner of the property and if the landowner of the property is interested in flattening the slope, a permit request would need to be submitted. The Board stated they would not cost share on the work. The Board directed Administrator Praska to relay the Board's position to the individual.

Administrator Praska reported, checks have been issued to 8 individuals, for permanent and temporary work easements on Polk County Ditch #43 and are listed in the Treasurer's Report. He stated the easements were paid at \$150/acre, for a term of two years. He also reported, the West Polk FSA and West Polk SWCD provided funding for culverts in the amount of \$16,948.09 for the work.

Dillon Nelson, HDR Engineering, reported he received an estimate of approximately \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 from Pribula Engineering to perform a legal survey of properties in Section 33 and surrounding area in New Maine Township. He stated the legal survey will not take place until the meetings with the affected landowners are completed. Administrator Praska distributed a draft "Easement Purchase Agreement" prepared by Attorney Jeff Hane. He requested the Board review the "Draft Agreement" for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Tony Nordby reported a meeting was held with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to further discuss Judicial Ditch 19 RCPP Flood Damage Reduction Strategies of the Nelson Slough. He stated at the meeting, a discussion was held concerning additional storage. He stated the DNR appears to be on board with what is being proposed for alternative storage. Tony stated a project team meeting is being planned for mid-February, at which time the document highlighting the alternative for storage will be presented. He also stated, if the Watershed District and DNR agree on an alternative, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Watershed District and the DNR should be considered.

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Administrator Praska reported he attended the first meeting to discuss the "One Watershed One Plan" held on January 13, 2020. He stated representatives from the West Polk SWCD, Marshall County SWCD, and Kittson County SWCD, and Josh Johnston, Marshall County Water Planner, Lon Aune, Marshall County Engineer and Matt Fischer from the Board of Water and Soil Resources were also in attendance. The meeting was held to see if the group is interested in submitting a grant request to the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources to pay for implementation of the project. He stated the next step, would be for the LGUs to pass a resolution calling for the submittal of the grant application to BWSR. Administrator Praska said this will probably take place in February.

Administrator Praska reported that he contacted the Polk County Auditor's office to discuss the 2019 levy of Judicial Ditch #1 and Watershed Ditch #4. He stated, due to an error by the Auditor's office, the 2019 levies did not get activated. He reported that the 2019 levy for Judicial Ditch #1 and Watershed Ditch #4 will be assessed in 2020 along with the 2020 levy.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the Beaver bounty be increased to \$60.00 per beaver, effective January 1, 2020, for beavers trapped within the jurisdiction of the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reminded the Board to complete the MN Board of Soil and Water Resources' Performance Review and Assistance Program survey that has been emailed to them.

Administrator Praska reported the land rental ads are being published, with the opening of the bids scheduled for February 27, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at the District office.

Dillon Nelson left the meeting at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported the 2020 Red River Basin Drainage Conference will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the Marriott Hotel, in Moorhead, Minnesota and that he, Kyle Schломann and Tyler Larson will be attending and if any of the Managers plan to attend, to let him know, so he can inform the Red River Watershed Management Board.

Administrator Praska and Chairman John W Nelson gave a brief report on the 37th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference they attended, on January 14-16, 2020 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Administrator Praska reported the Roseau River Watershed District Administrator is asking for support to change how the Red River Watershed Management Board funds preliminary projects. It was the consensus of the Board, to not support the request of the Roseau River Watershed District.

The following meetings were announced:

January 27, 2020-RRBDC- 8:00 a.m., Marriott Hotel, Moorhead, MN
February 3, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office
February 18, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office

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By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Secretary