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**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. July 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, David Bakke, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Bill Petersen were present. Joel Praska, LeRoy Vonasek, Tony Nordby, Tyler Larson, Rolland Miller, Dillon Nelson, Jeremy Misslehorn, Nick Pribula and Danny Omdahl were also present.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the agenda be approved, as amended with the addition of cattail spraying, JD #75 and JD #25-1. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1) Permit (18-035) Rolland Miller to replace a 24" culvert with new culvert at an elevation no lower than 1.5' above the 60" CL culvert under CSAH #21; regrade the E CSAH #21 ditch to the new culvert elevation, NW4, Sec 19, Warrenton Twp. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

2) Permit (18-037) Gary Johnston to widen existing crossing with a 36" culvert & replace the 36" culvert w/24" culvert; NW4, Sec 7, Angus Twp. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat).

3) Permit (18-038) Harold Majjala to replace (2) 36" culverts in driveway w/(1) 48" culvert, NE4, Sec 36, Spruce Valley Twp. New pipe to be installed at the same elevation. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

4) Permit (18-039) Nathan Steer to construct new driveway approach with 18" x 50' culvert, 120th St NW, NE4, Sec 29, Brandt Twp. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

5) Permit (18-040) Roger Solem to install new approach to CSAH #8 w/18" culvert, NW4 SW4, Sec 16, New Solum Twp. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

6) Permit (18-043) Jason Steer to install a field crossing w/18" culvert, 230th Ave NW, SW4, Sec 11, Brandt Twp. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

7) Permit (18-044) Brad Blawat to install 73 ac drain tile; 2 gravity outlets; 1/4" coefficient; 50' & 100' spacing, outlet into MCD #42; NW4, Sec 25, Foldahl Twp, contingent upon Mr. Blawat contacting the NRCS on possible wetland locations. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. David Bakke). (Mr. Brad Blawat abstained from voting).

The following permit was unanimously tabled until a public hearing can be held to determine if land qualifies to be in the benefited area of Judicial Ditch #16:

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8) Permit (18-023) of Northern Plains Railroad to install 3 acres of drain tile, 1 HP (155 GPM) pump; ½" drainage coefficient; 20' spacing, S2 NE4, Section 36, Warrenton Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

The following permit was unanimously tabled until notification of additional landowners can be accomplished:

9) Permit (18-045) Mark McGregor to clean & regrade W twp road ditch of 250th Ave NW & S ditch line of Sec 8 Comstock Twp; to build a levee along 250th Ave NW; E2, Sec 8, Comstock Twp. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

The following permits were administratively approved and reviewed:

10) Permit (18-041) Stephen Hufnagle (MN DOT) to replace N-S 24" centerline culvert with a longer 24" centerline culvert, SW4, Sec 22, Lincoln Twp.

11) Permit (18-042) Comstock Township to replace 18" culvert with 18" culvert; 250th Ave NW, same elevation, NE4 Sec 8 & NW4 Sec 9, Comstock Twp.

Nick Pribula from Pribula Engineering-Surveying presented the Final Engineer's Report for improvement to CD #175. Upon review, Mr. Pribula was directed by the Board to examine the spoil height throughout the improvement and set elevation 1' below road elevation. Mr. Pribula is also to contact Polk County to determine whether said improvement falls in coordination with zoning within the 100 year flood plain.

Administrator Praska reported Northern Plains Track has submitted a petition to enter in to the benefitted area of JD #16. The public hearing date of August 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the District office has been approved. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

John Nelson inquired on the progress of mapping projected cattail spraying within the District. District staff is on target to have the mapping completed in time to coordinate with Marshall, Polk and Pennington County on spraying desired areas by helicopter.

Robert Kovar initiated a conversation over potential concerns of sloughing in Northland Twp along JD #75. District staff have inspected the area in question. Further examination of possible sloughing will take place.

Administrator Praska reported mowing along JD #25-1 has resulted in some minor crop damage. He was instructed to consult with agencies to determine the appropriate monetary amount of damages to be paid to landowner. He also is to contact the neighboring landowner to see if damages occurred along a pasture field.

Tony Nordby of Houston Engineering Inc. summarized a recap of JD #19 RCPP meeting held on June 27, 2018 in Strandquist.

Tony Nordby reported the Swift Coulee PWT will be holding a meeting on July 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m. at the Bremer Bank in Warren. The presentation will focus on the existing conditions of the hydraulic and hydrology modeling performed to address the Purpose and Need of the Swift Coulee Project.

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Administrator Praska addressed the Board in review of ditch levies, fund balances and anticipated maintenance work to be performed within the coming year. The anticipated Administrative Levy was also presented and reviewed by the Board.

Motioned by Manager Bill Petersen, seconded by Manager Robert Kovar, the following resolution, numbered 2018-01, passed upon a 5 - 0 vote of the Board of Managers of the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District.

Resolution to Incorporate the Summary of Watercourses into the Overall Plan of the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District

Whereas; Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 requires soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses, and

Whereas; The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law implementation Policy #6 'Local Water Resources Riparain Protection ("Other Watercourses")' which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory, and

Whereas; Marshall, West Polk, Pennington, Roseau & Kittson SWCD's have adopted a Descriptive inventory of other watercourses and provided it to the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, and

Whereas; The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District recommends that implementation of buffers or other practices on these waters be voluntary in nature, and

Whereas; MN Statute 103F.48 requires that SWCD's shall develop, adopt, and submit a summary of watercourses in consultation with local water management authorities, and

Whereas; MN Statute 103F.48 requires a local water management authority that receives a summary of watercourses identified under this subdivision must incorporate an addendum to its comprehensive local water management plan or comprehensive watershed management plan to include the SWCD recommendations by July 1, 2018, and

Whereas; The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District has reviewed the summaries submitted, and does not agree with what is listed, and

Whereas; MN Statute Chapter 103F.48 does not require a plan amendment as long as a copy of the included information is distributed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals required to receive a copy of the plan changes.

Therefore, be it resolved that; The summary of watercourses or "other waters" for The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District shall be incorporated as an addendum in its current local water management plan.

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Be it further resolved that; The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District does not agree with the summary, and therefore does not endorse the summary. The summary will be listed in the District's Overall Plan for the sole purpose to comply with the buffer law by meeting the deadline imposed by the law.

Be it further resolved that; The Board of Managers of the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District authorizes staff to provide a copy of the addendum and any supporting information to be distributed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals required to receive a copy of the plan changes.

Dillon Nelson of HDR Engineering updated the board on survey work being performed in the area of the Newfolden Project. Contact has been initiated with NPRR. Surveying will continue at the two proposed impoundment areas.

The following meetings were announced:

July 16, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
August 6, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:21 p.m.

Joel Praska
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary