The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers Ben Kleinwachter, John W. Nelson, David Bakke, Tom Neibauer, and Robert Kovar were present. Manager Jim Jubie was absent. Ron Adrian, Tony Nordby, Danny Omdahl, Bryan Murphy, Debbie Rynda, LeRoy Vonasek, Brady Johs, Chuck Edgar, Paul Anderson, Marlin Nelson, Brandon Langaas, Kevin Langaas, and Rory Anderson were also present.

Debbie Rynda assumed the recording secretary duties in the absence of Connie Kuja.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting be accepted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Eric Johnson and Neil Johnson arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:05 PM.

Brady Johs of Brady, Martz and Associates, P. C., presented and reviewed the 2014 financial audit performed on the Districts finances.

Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer, to accept the 2014 Auditor’s Report and Management Report as prepared and presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to forward copies of Auditor’s Report to those individuals required to receive it and to those individuals known to be interested in receiving it. Motion unanimously carried.

Rolland Miller arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:12 PM. Don Diedrich arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:18 PM. Kevin Hanson arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:22 PM.

Brady Johs left the meeting at approximately 4:31 PM.

Administrator Omdahl stated interest in resloping the south slope of Judicial Ditch 1 has been expressed by Lorraine Selnes, Jared Sands and Wendell Sands. He then stated that Eric and Neil Johnson would like to see this happen as well. Eric and Neil Johnson then addressed the Board concerning Judicial Ditch 1 resloping. Neil Johnson questioned as to where the north side Right of Way (RoW) for JD 1 should be. He stated that it appears that 29’ and 35’ have been paid for by the District, but there is 33’ in which they have not been paid for in sections 14 and 15 of Sandsville Township. Mr. Ben Kleinwachter requested that the Johnsons write down specifically the land or area that is not part of the Judicial Ditch 1 easement or they think hasn’t been purchased.
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APPROVED (as corrected July 20, 2015)

Eric and Neil Johnson, and Don Diedrich left the meeting at approximately 5:28 PM.

Permits:

1. Permit (15-051) Kevin Hanson requested, due to new information, that his permit be reviewed again to allow installing a 48" pipe next to an existing 30" culvert in a field crossing in the east Hwy #220 ditch, in NW4 NW4 section 15 Fork Twp. MNDOT informed District staff doing so would slow the velocity at this site. There was no motion to amend permit 15-051. The Board asked that the staff stay in contact with Mr. Hanson to monitor the situation for possible future action.

Kevin Hanson left the meeting at approximately 5:40 PM.

After review, motion by Mr. Robert Kvaro, seconded by Mr. John W. Nelson to table the following two permits. Board wants staff to meet with Brandon Langas and Lincoln and East Park Township officials. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Permit (15-057) Brandon Langas to construct a field dike approximately 1000' in the SE4 of section 5 East Park Township, north of Marshall County Road 27.

3. Permit (15-058) Brandon Langas to construct a field dike approximately 1000' in the SW4 of section 4 and approximately 2500' in the SE4 of section 4 in East Park Township, north of Marshall County Road 27.

Chuck Edgar, Paul Anderson, Marlin Nelson, Brandon Langas, Kevin Langas, and Rory Anderson left the meeting at 5:57 PM.

The following permits were unanimously approved.

4. Permit (15-054) Glenn Setterholm to install a field crossing with 30" culvert in the west 300th Ave. NW road ditch in the SE4SE4 section 15 Wanger Township. Motion to approve by Mr. Robert Kvaro, seconded by Mr. David Bakke.

5. Permit (15-055) Hans Stordahl to install field crossing with 18" culvert in the north 130th St. NW road ditch in the SW4SE4 section 13 Esther Township. Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Robert Kvaro.

The following permits were administratively approved and reviewed.

6. Permit (15-059) Jarod Peterson to remove sediment from Township road ditch and move field crossing with an 18" CSP to the SW corner of the SW4 of section 17 Helgeland Township.

7. Permit (15-060) Robert Gjerdingen to install rock cattle crossing through JD 28 at approximate Sta 26+00 in NW corner, SE4SE4 section 2 Spruce Valley Twp.

The following permit was withdrawn by the applicant.

8. Permit (15-056) Joe Efta to install total of 40 acres of field drainage tile in E2 W2 SE4 with a gravity outlet in section 15; and tile in SE SW section 22, a 1 HP, 150 GPM sump in NW NW Wright Township.
No action was taken on the following permits pending additional information.

9. Permit (15-035) Larry Riopelle
10. Permit (15-036) Larry Riopelle
11. Permit (15-041) Mark P. Anderson
12. Permit (15-042) Mark P. Anderson
13. Permit (15-048) Lein Schiller
14. Permit (15-049) MNDOT
15. Permit (15-053) Mark P. Anderson and Rick Gajeski

Tony Nordby reported that the JD 15 resloping project is completed other than to seed it and finish installing the erosion control blanket. He said they need to blanket higher up on the bank than originally proposed which will cost an additional $4,000 to $5,000; it should be completed this week.

The Board directed the Administrator to talk to Mark Judovsky and David Judovsky to discuss resloping of Judicial Ditch 75 in the NW4 of section 2 and in section 1 Tabor Township. The Board also discussed performing maintenance repair work in the NE4 section 2 of Tabor Township.

Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer to complete the reslope of Judicial Ditch 75 in section 3 and west half of section 2 Tabor Township with maintenance repair to the NE4 section 2 of Tabor and to reslope section 1 Tabor to a 3:1 or a 4:1, whichever the landowners prefer.

Administrator Omdahl said he had spoken to a Board of Water and Soil Resources employee regarding grass strips along legal ditch systems. Landowners that have not received a violation letter from a ditches’ maintenance authority are eligible to enroll a grass strip into a USDA program. The Board instructed the Administrator to send landowners along JD 25-1 letters to inform them of their option to enroll the grass strip area into a USDA program. The landowners need to let the District know by September 15, 2015 if they are enrolling in a program and if so, the seeding must take place by spring of 2016.

A Judicial Ditch 29 road slough in Tamarac Township was discussed as no action was taken at the previous Board meeting. The sloughing is along the road slope in section 29 of Tamarac Township. The Board agreed for the ditch system to provide Geogrid materials, if needed, to the Township.

Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer, to pay the Zavoral invoice for Judicial Ditch 1 resloping works. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. John W. Nelson stated that he’d like to see the ditch systems sprayed for cattails by the next board meeting.

The Board directed the Administrator to find a different contractor to complete the cleaning of CD 175 and install a new north-south 18” centerline pipe just east of existing diagonal pipe on section line 1/12 Higdem Esther Township line and to notify Gowan Construction of the change in contractor.
The Board directed the Administrator to verify CRP contracts with AAS prior to attorney sending letter requesting reimbursement for management services.

Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer, to advertise the 270 acres, more or less, legume/grass planting at Agassiz Valley to be rented out for hay. It should be advertised as two separate parcels (~200 acres & ~70 acres), 3-yr contracts, for one cutting in 2015 and up to two cuttings for years 2016 and 2017. It will be based on a total bid. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W. Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke, to advertise 90 acres of expiring CRP at Brandt Angus to be broken up effective 10/1/15 to be farmed in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Bids will be based on total dollar amount, all as one parcel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. John W. Nelson to have one staff member participate in Watershed Specialist Training this fall. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Report:

1. The Annual Report will have some more additions.
2. Administrator requested that the Board members send in list of training they have taken; it will tie into the PRAP report.
3. It appears that the U. S. Supreme Court schedule states it will announce by July 29th to accept, or not, the Zutz-Elseth v Nelson-Stroble Writ of Certiorari.
4. There will be a RRV Ag Water Issues Forum meeting on July 15th in Hallock. Some items to be discussed will be the Governor’s buffer initiative as well as waters of the U.S.
5. There will be a meeting at the Polk County Highway Department on July 16th to discuss the Governor’s buffer initiative. Kurt Dieter will be present at the meeting. The Administrator is planning to attend.

Mr. Tom Neibauer, Mr. John W. Nelson, and Administrator Omdahl reported on the MAWD summer tour in Duluth.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2015, at 9:30, at the Wild Rice Watershed District in Ada, MN.

The next regularly scheduled meetings will be July 20, 2015 and August 3, 2015, at 4:00 PM, at the District office.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:27 PM by unanimous consent.

Debbie Rynda
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary