

**APPROVED (June 19, 2014)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE**  
**MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN**  
**4:00 P.M. JUNE 2, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers John W Nelson, David Bakke, Ben Kleinwachter, Marvin Hedlund and Tom Neibauer were present. Managers Roger Hille and Alvin Nybladh were not present. Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Tony Nordby, Rolland Miller, Ron Sorvig, Danny Omdahl, John and Connie Omdahl, LeRoy Vonasek, Carl Roger VanHorn, Loren Zutz, and John and Lisa Hams were also present.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting, be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Don Diedrich joined the meeting at approximately 4:05 p.m.

John Omdahl inquired about the prescribed burn performed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and requested that he be notified prior to any works proposed on the 440 acres donated to the District by the Agassiz Audubon Sanctuary. Mr. Omdahl distributed a handout outlining three motions he would like the Board to act on. The Board took his request under advisement.

Loren Zutz inquired about the seeding of the lands on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Danny Omdahl informed him that the lands are not being rented but the District has hired Harvest States of Warren to manage the properties. Loren Zutz requested a copy of the May 19, 2014 minutes.

John and Connie Omdahl left the meeting at approximately 4:18 p.m.

No action was taken on the Permit (14-022) of Adrian Wesolowski that was tabled at the May 19, 2014 meeting, pending the receipt of additional information.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. Permit (14-024) to Craig Halfmann to remove a 12" culvert and replace with an 18" culvert and to remove sediment along Marshall County Road #13, SE4 of Section 18, Augsburg Township, provided the County is notified. (Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded Mr. Alvin Nybladh)
2. Permit (14-026) to Mark Blawat to install 85 acres of drain tile with a gravity drain to the Snake River, SW4 NE4 and NW4 SE4 of Section 1 of Comstock Township, provided all agencies involved are notified. (Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson)
3. Permit (14-027) to Jesse Russ to install 160 acres drain tile; 7.5 HP VFD pump (1,250 GPM) outletting into JD #20 Branch A, ¼" coefficient; SW4, Section 15,

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Vega Township, provided the County is notified. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh).

4. Permit (14-029) to Viking Township to remove a 24" centerline culvert under township road and replace with a 24" culvert, no more than 1' lower, E2 W2 of Sections 2 & 11 of Viking (Strip) Township, provided the District set the elevation and all affected landowners are notified. (Motion David Bakke, seconded Tom Neibauer)
5. Permit (14-033) to Bloomer Township to remove (2) failing 48" culverts and install (1) 57" x 83" steel pipe arch, Marshall Co Ditch #38, Branch 1, NW4 Section 27 & NE4 Section 28, Bloomer Township. (Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund)

The following permits were administratively approved:

6. Permit (14-016) to Marshall County Highway Department to remove a failing 18" and 30" culvert and replace with one culvert of equivalent size; SE4 SW4 of Section 33 of Warrenton Township.
7. Permit (14-028) to Middle River Township to remove a failed 24" CSP and install a 24" CSP, same location & elevation, NW4 NE4, section line 6 of Middle River Township and Section 31 of Tamarac Township.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the following permit be tabled, pending review by the District Attorney;

8. Permit (14-032) of Viking Gas Transmission to install a concrete barrier slab above the natural gas transmission line in JD #20, Branch A, NE4 NE4 of Section 21, Warrenton Township.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that permit (14-030) of Scott Peters to remove a culvert and replace with a 24" culvert, in the North ditch of SE4 of Section 2, Viking (Strip) Township, be **denied**, due to the works have been completed and the District does not issue after-work permits. Motion unanimously carried.

Loren Zutz left the meeting at approximately 4:55 p.m.

The Outreach and Education Coordinators Report was distributed. A copy is attached.

Nick Drees reported:

- 1) on the Tamarac Project Work Team meeting held on May 29, 2014, at Stephen, Minnesota;
- 2) a meeting is scheduled in Fargo, North Dakota, on June 5, 2014 to discuss WRP and the farm bill.

Carl Roger Van Horn, Lisa and John Hams commented on the benefit amounts derived by the Viewers in the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 proceedings.

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Nick Drees was directed to verify that the items that were addressed at the hearing on the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 are being looked into.

Danny Omdahl reported:

1. on the end of Judicial Ditch #14, Main it appears the culvert invert is incorrect and it should be set to grade. No action was taken by the Board.
2. at the Railroad intersection with Judicial Ditch #14 there are two concrete culverts that are in bad shape apparently are 3/10ths higher than the grade of the ditch. A discussion was held on possible repairs needed on Judicial Ditch #14 and the ditch improvement proceedings that would be required.
3. That the survey work on the east side of Marshall County Road #38, on Judicial Ditch #15, Branch B has been completed and Houston Engineering is in the process of determining the quantities needed to repair the erosion issue;
4. That the survey of Judicial Ditch #15 Main in Section 18 of Newfolden Township, has been completed and Houston Engineering is determining the costs associated with resloping the ditch and resizing the culverts;
5. That Vega Township is soliciting bids to repair the collapsed culvert in Judicial Ditch #16 in the Northeast Quarter of Section 34 of Vega Township.

It was announced that the Red River Watershed Board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the Red Lake Watershed District, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Danny Omdahl reported that the District employee who was granted 30 days of unpaid leave is to report back to work on June 3, 2014, provided the required documents are executed by the attending physician.

Danny Omdahl reported that the District Attorney has forwarded a check, in the amount of \$13,000.00, to the Sortland Law Office and Loren Zutz, for settlement of Loren Zutz's attorney fees in regards to the Stengrim open meeting lawsuit; and that he signed the affidavit received from Attorney, Paula Vraa, in regards to the claim filed by Loren Zutz and Ron Zutz concerning the rental of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project;

The next regular meetings are scheduled for June 16, 2014 and July 7, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

Motion by Mr. John Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Marvin Hedlund  
Secretary

## **Outreach and Education Coordinator's Report - June 2, 2014**

### *Publicity - News writing & Photography*

Warren Sheaf - Rx Burn @Agassiz Valley; Nest Box Monitoring  
WDAZ-TV - shorebird blitz news report; planning nest box & pollinator story  
Wrote & placed story about the impoundments for Minnesota Ornithologists Union  
June Newsletter  
Edited draft "financial primer" for Red Board News & Views  
Prepared MSTRWD report for Red Board meeting  
Uplinked photos and copy on facebook pages

### *Meetings -*

Marshall Co Soil & Water: Minnesota Green Corps intern sharing for next summer, birding trail @ Marshall Co Park at Florian & Jr. naturalist program; Stephen Summer Science Camp (discussion of school & community birding project)  
Organized & facilitated Tamarac Project Work Team meeting in Stephen 5/29  
FWS-Partners for Fish & Wildlife - Laurie Fairchild re: Agassiz Valley collaboration  
FDR-WG communications budget & plan (Henry Van Offelen)  
RRWMB website plan

### *Education*

Stephen Summer Science Camp visit Agassiz Valley 5/28 (36 students)  
Prep for UND OLLI classes - Birds on Parade in June  
Set-up monitoring protocol for bird nest boxes at Agassiz Valley

### *Birding Trail*

Interim Grant Report for NW Minnesota Foundation  
Map of pollinator garden area @ Agassiz Valley to landscape architect & proposed garden plan components