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APPROVED (July 6, 2020)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL
DUE TO STATE WIDE "STAY-AT-HOME" COVID-19 ORDER
8:30 A.M. June 15, 2020

Chairman, Mr. John W Nelson, called for a roll call of Managers. Managers Bill Petersen, David Bakke, Brad Blawat, Roger Mischel, John W Nelson and Robert Kovar acknowledged their presence. Others attending the conference call were: Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schломann, Connie Kujawa, Dillon Nelson, Rolland Miller, Jim Duckstad, Tom Kleinwachter, Ben Kleinwachter, Gunnar Bowman and Loren McCullough. Chairman Nelson stated a quorum of the Board is participating and called the meeting to order.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the agenda be amended, with the inclusion of Watershed Ditch #7. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the agenda was approved, as amended. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Blawat, Kovar and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting be approved as presented. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Board meeting minutes were approved, as presented. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Blawat, Kovar and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds; payroll checks #6483-6495 inclusive for a total of \$21,598.30; checks #18633-18662 inclusive, including the service charge and ACH withdrawal, for a total of \$27,071.92; from the Project Funds: checks numbered 3113-3116 inclusive for a total of \$26,456.26; from the RRWMB Funds: check #198 in the amount of \$236,502.16; and from Ditch Funds: checks #3362-3366 inclusive and including the service charge, for a total \$15,825.52. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the Board approved the June 15, 2020 payment of bills. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

A discussion was held and testimony was heard from Loren McCullough, Tom Kleinwachter and Ben Kleinwachter regarding the permit application of Tom Kleinwachter to level and replace an existing 24" centerline culvert on section line 28/33 of Lincoln Township. After a lengthy discussion, the Board recommended the landowners meet to discuss possible drainage options and once the landowners are in agreement, the District staff will be able to provide the landowners with an estimate of cost to perform a survey of the area they specify.

Technician Danny Omdahl, joined the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following permit be tabled, pending the landowners meet and agree on a possible solution to the drainage issue:

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1. Permit (20-036) Tom Kleinwachter to level and replace an existing 24" centerline culvert under 410th St NW, section line 28/33 Lincoln Township.

Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the Board TABLED Permit (20-036). Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Blawat, Bakke and Kovar voted yea, with no nay votes.

Administrator Praska stated the Permit application (20-039) of Ed Honek, which was tabled at the June 1, 2020, has been withdrawn by the applicant.

A discussion was held concerning the permit application (20-040) of Jarod Peterson and Mike Bienek to install 250 acres of drain tile in the SW4 of Section 10 of Brislet Township and the N2 of Section 10, McCrea (Strip) Township. The proposed tiling pump is planned to be installed in the SW SW of Section 10, McCrea Strip with the waters draining West to Judicial Ditch #17 or West and North to Watershed Ditch #4, however, the proposed tiled lands are not in the benefited area of either system.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that Jarod Peterson and Mike Bienek petition the District, to include the SW4 of Section 10, Brislet Township and the N2 of Section 10 McCrea (Strip) Township, into the benefited area of Judicial Ditch #17 and Watershed Ditch #4. Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and the motion was unanimously approved with Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Blawat, Kovar and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following permit be approved:

2. Permit (20-040) to Jarod Peterson and Mike Bienek to install 250 acres of drain tile; 10 hp (1000 GPM) VFD pump; ¼" coefficient; 100' tile spacing, outletting to North township road ditch of 200th St NW; SW4 of Section 10 Brislet Township and N2 of Section 10 McCrea (Strip) Township, contingent upon a Petition to be added to the Benefited area of JD #17 and WD #4 is received and approved; permission is granted from McCrea (Strip) and Brislet Townships; and the tile lines are kept 100' from the edge of the coulee.

Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote, Permit (20-040) was approved, with conditions. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the following permit be approved:

3. Permit (20-041) to Justin Johnson to install 160 acres drain tile in the SW4 section 16 Warrenton Twp; 5 hp (752 GPM) VFD pump; ¼" drainage coefficient; 44' tile spacing, outletting south into Judicial Ditch #20, Branch A; provided the gap design is installed and the pump is remotely controlled.

Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote, Permit (20-041) was approved, with conditions. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the following permit be approved:

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4. Permit (20-042) to Enbridge Energy to remove and install a crude oil pipeline within the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District in accordance with the submitted Environmental Protection Plan and Construction Methods and Procedures.

Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote, Permit (20-042) was approved. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea,

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat the following permit be approved:

5. Permit (20-043) to Roxanne Hagen to widen a field crossing and replace an existing 24" CSP and flap gate with a 36" CSP and flap gate; SW4, Section 30, Sandsville Township, provided permission is granted from Sandsville Township.

Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes and by unanimous vote, Permit (20-043) was approved, with conditions. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Kovar, Blawat and Bakke voted yea.

Tony Nordby, Engineer, reported he received the grade control/rock structure inventory from Technician Omdahl on Judicial Ditch #75. He stated 7 structures have been identified and based on those findings, he is proposing the District consider the installation of an additional 12 rock riffle structures on Judicial Ditch #75 and Judicial Ditch #75 Branch. Nordby stated in the vicinity of the slough in Section 1 of Northland Township, he is proposing to build up the ditch bottom and install a drop structure on the downstream end. Engineer Nordby also stated he will be presenting the plan to the Red River Watershed Management Board for funding assistance through their Water Quality Base Funding program.

Administrator Praska reported he submitted a preliminary damage assessment to Polk County Emergency Management for the slough that occurred on Judicial Ditch #75, in Section 1 of Northland Township caused by the 2020 spring flood.

Tony Nordby reported he has reviewed previous repair plans and proposes the District install 7 rock riffle structures on Judicial Ditch #1 in an effort to facilitate water quality. He stated he will be submitting the proposal to the Red River Watershed Management Board for funding assistance through their Water Quality Base Funding program.

Administrator Praska reported Steve Nelson has executed the Agreement with the District, for the slough repair on Judicial Ditch #1, in Section 20 of Higdem Township. He also reported quotes are being solicited for the repair and the deadline to submit a quote is June 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Engineer Nordby reported at the last board meeting, he and Technician Omdahl were to view the erosion issues on Polk County Ditch #43, West of Highway #75, however, due to the wet conditions last week, this didn't get done. He stated they plan to view the area today. He also stated, he is planning to tie this repair into the Judicial Ditch #75 and Judicial Ditch #1 funding request with the Red River Watershed Management Board.

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Administrator Praska reported Lunke's Inc, is scheduled to begin the inlet replacement project on State Ditch #3, in section 34 of Parker Township and section 4 of Bloomer Township, the week of June 22, 2020.

Administrator Praska informed the Board that Pribula Engineering is preparing the "As-Built" plans for the Repair of Polk County Ditch #175.

Chairman Nelson, reported East of County Road #22, along Watershed Ditch #7, there is a blockage in the ditch consisting of a large amount of weeds and straw. The District staff was directed to investigate the area.

Dillon Nelson, reported, meetings have taken place with David Lokstad and Gerald Nelson to discuss the proposed Newfolden Project. He stated Gerald Nelson is concerned with the drainage in his farmyard and as part of the project, the drainage issue will be addressed. He also reported, David Lokstad has requested the proposed project be presented to his wife and himself. Administrator Praska has scheduled a meeting with the Lokstads on June 16, 2020.

Tony Nordby reported that he and Administrator Praska met with Charles Swenson to discuss the possibility of placing an impoundment in the vicinity of Section 1, Viking Strip Township. He stated a meeting will be scheduled with Mike Anderson to discuss the proposed impoundment site when he is available. Tony stated a Project Team meeting will be planned, when COVID allows, to update the members on the status of the JD #14 RCPP project.

Tony Nordby, reported the Army Corp of Engineers, has approved concurrence points 2 and 3 for the Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP project and Houston Engineering will begin doing wetland delineation work this week on the perimeter of the Nelson Slough. He also reported that due to COVID-19, the NRCS, is discussing extending the JD #14 RCPP and JD #19 RCPP project deadlines to May 10, 2021. Once a decision is made, he will relay the information to the Board.

Administrator Praska reported:

- Kraulik Excavating has begun the spoil raise project on the Angus Oslo #4 bypass ditch, in the SW4 SW4 of Section 10, Brandt Township;
- HDR Engineering is working on a plan and proposal to increase the depth of the NE inlet to the Brandt/Angus Impoundment, in section 18 of Brandt Township and when the documents are ready, he will be contacting Contractors to see who will be available to perform the work.

Technician Omdahl reported he inspected the outlet gate at the PL-566 Off Channel Storage Site and a piece of concrete on the chute has broken off. He stated he contacted the NRCS to make them aware of the damage. He also reported the gate has a small leak that may be fixed by adjusting the bolts. Technician Omdahl discussed installing staff gages at the gates to get a better reading of the water release level. The Board directed Omdahl to get cost estimates for staff gages.

Administrator Praska reported 4 CRP contract agreements have been executed on the District properties, one contract is at the Angus Oslo Site # 1 and the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project and two contracts are on the Angus Oslo #4 properties.

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Administrator Praska reported:

- Greg Knutsen, US Fish & Wildlife Service, has approved the grazing of the pasture land within the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, in section 12 of Brislet Township.
- He has contacted the mowers to verify they will be providing mowing services on the legal drainage systems within the District and they are ready to begin. He stated he will be drawing up maps for the mowers.
- District staff has been removing debris from various areas along the impoundments and the PL-566 diversion ditch. He stated due to the dense debris at the Diversion gate, K & K Trucking has been contacted to remove it.

Administrator Praska distributed a letter received from Northland Township and a response to the letter from District Attorney Jeff Hane. He stated the letter from Northland Township derived from a permit application of Ed Honek to move an existing township road approach. The Board issued the permit with the installation of an 18" culvert, based on the drainage area. Northland Township wants a 24" culvert installed. Administrator Praska inquired if the Board wanted the District's Attorney's response forwarded to the Northland Township board.

Chairman Nelson polled the Board, and upon unanimous approval, Administrator Praska was directed to forward the response of Attorney Jeff Hane to the Northland Township Board. Managers voting yeh: John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat and Roger Mischel; David Bakke voted nay.

Administrator Praska reported the Marshall County Commissioners, at their June 2, 2020 meeting, reappointed Mr. Bill Petersen, to serve a second 3 year term as a Manager of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District. Marshall County Commissioner, Rolland Miller, stated they have not received any applications for the remaining seat on the MSTRWD Board.

Manager, Roger Mischel, reported the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting will be held via electronic means on June 16, 2020.

Chairman Nelson reported he has been contacted by Karen Olson regarding the drainage issue in SW4, Section 25 of Alma Township. He stated he viewed the area however, this is a Marshall County matter. Marshall County Commissioner, Rolland Miller, stated they have been made aware of the drainage issue and the County will be surveying the area.

Administrator Praska reported due to the Coved 19 pandemic, a State Preparedness Plan needs to be developed before the District can open to the public. He stated he will be working on the Plan for the Board to review.

The following meetings were announced:

July 6, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office or electronic means
July 20, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office or electronic means

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Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the meeting be adjourned.

Chairman Nelson called for a roll call of votes, and by unanimous vote the Board approved the adjournment. Managers Nelson, Petersen, Mischel, Blawat, Kovar and Bakke voted yea, with no nay votes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Secretary