

**APPROVED**  
**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. June 17, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Roger Mischel, David Bakke and Brad Blawat were present. Connie Kujawa, Tony Nordby, Kyle Schломann, Joel Praska, Danny Omdahl, Todd Johnston, Glenn Barrett, Jason Youngstrand, Arlyn Stroble, Damon Stroble, Tony Pulkrabek and John Hess were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the agenda be approved, as amended, to include payment of check #18309 to Klopp Construction, in the amount of \$33,000.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the following bills be paid : from the Administrative Fund: payroll checks numbered 6352-6361 for a total of \$15,171.91, checks numbered 18281-18309 inclusive, including the service charge and ACH withdrawal, for a total of \$65,625.81; from the Project Funds: checks numbered 3017-3025 inclusive for a total of \$46,271.66; from the RRWMB Funds: check numbered 191 for a total of \$397,901.95; and from Ditch Funds: checks numbered 3282-3286 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total \$16,921.39. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported Arlyn Stroble and Others are here to discuss the diked up area in the SE4 NE4 of Section 18, Angus Township. He stated in 2016, a permit (16-050) was denied to Arlyn Stroble to remove a 36" culvert in the SE NE of Section 18, Angus Township due to the objection of the adjacent landowners and township. Arlyn Stroble stated the ditch running west to east, along the S2 of the NE and NW quarters of Section 18, Angus Township is not a county or township road ditch, but, one that was constructed years ago. He stated the water can go North or South, just not West across his property. Tony Pulkrabek stated, due to the dike constructed, in Section 17 of Angus Township water backs up onto his land and Todd Johnstons. A discussion took place of the possibility of the landowners cleaning the ditch along the South Quarters of Section 18 of Angus Township and Section 13 of Tabor Township to drain the waters into Judicial Ditch #75. After discussion, the Board directed the District staff to survey the affected area, do a culvert inventory and make a recommendation to the Board and the landowners to determine a possible solution to the drainage issue and to add this matter to the next regular meeting agenda for further discussion.

Robert Mager joined the meeting at approximately 9:17 a.m.

Arlyn Stroble, Damon Stroble, Todd Johnston, Tony Pulkrabek and Glenn Barrett left the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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The following permits were unanimously approved:

- 1) Permit (19-027) to John Hess to move a field crossing on the N side of CR #47 ~ 40 rods West and to replace the 18" culvert with a 24" culvert; W2 SE4 of Section 21 of Foldahl Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen)
- 2) Permit (19-037) to Jason Youngstrand to replace a 18" driveway culvert with a 24" culvert; E2 SE4, Section 21, Foldahl Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen)
- 3) Permit (19-038) to Joey Potucek to replace a 18" culvert with a 24" culvert, North side of CR #37; SW4, Section 21, Foldahl Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat)

John Hess and Jason Youngstrand left the meeting at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The following permit was tabled until the upstream culverts are verified:

- 4) Permit (19-039) Robert Mager to lower a 18" field culvert and install a 2<sup>nd</sup> 18" culvert adjacent to the existing culvert; section line 17/20, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. David Bakke)

Robert Mager left the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

- 5) Permit (19-028) to John W Johnson to install the permitted (19-024) 18" centerline culvert ~ 114' East to match the low draw and ~ 1.5' lower, provided District staff recommends and sets the elevation. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen)
- 6) Permit (19-029) to John Stoltman to install 149 acres drain tile; 7.5 hp (1053 gpm) VFD pump; 3/8" coefficient; 50' spacing; outletting to MCD #21; NW4, Section 25, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded Mr. David Bakke)
- 7) Permit (19-030) to John Stoltman to install 298 acres drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 50' spacing; 7.5 hp (1025 gpm) VFD pump outletting to MCD #3 and 7.5 hp (1081 gpm) VFD pump outletting to JD #20 Br B; NW4, Section 4, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. David Bakke)
- 8) Permit (19-031) to John Stoltman to install 153 acres drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 50' spacing; 7.5 hp (1074 gpm) VFD pump; outletting to MCD #3; NW4, Section 4, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel)
- 9) Permit (19-034) to Howard Dufault to widen a crossing with a 36" x 21" CMPA and replace with a 36" culvert; SE4 SW4, Section 4, Middle River Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen)
- 10) Permit (19-035) to Howard Dufault to install a 36" crossing culvert, North side of 330<sup>th</sup> St NW; NW4 NE4, Section 7, Middle River Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. David Bakke)

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The following permits were Administratively approved and reviewed:

11) Permit (19-032) to Randy Huderle to remove a 36" culvert and a 33" x 49" CSPA and relay ~5' East and lengthen by 20'; W2, Section 23, Sandsville Township.

12) Permit (19-033) to Howard Dufault to widen a field crossing with a 15" culvert and replace the 15" culvert with a 18" culvert; NE4 NW4, Section 4, Middle River Township.

13) Permit (19-036) to Howard Dufault to install a crossing with a 18" culvert, South side of 330<sup>th</sup> St NW; NW4 NE4, Section 7, Middle River Township.

Administrator Praska reported he contacted Mark Judovsky regarding the drainage dispute in section 6 of Tabor Township. As directed by the Board, he recommended to Mark that he clean the ditch along his property to assist in alleviating the drainage issue. Mark Judovsky stated he is not willing to clean the ditch. The Board took no further action.

Administrator Praska informed the Board that Dylan Vansickle, will again, be haying Judicial Ditch #75, from East of CR #66 to one mile West of the Spaulding Road.

Mr. Robert Kovar reported while he was mowing, he encountered some sloughing on the North side of Judicial Ditch #75 in Section 4 of Northland Township. Administrator Praska was directed to have Staff check the area.

Administrator Praska reported two additional side inlet culverts will be installed as part of the Repair project on Polk County Ditch #43. He stated the Polk County NRCS will pay for 75% of the cost and the landowner is responsible for the remaining 25%. He also stated flapgates will be installed on the two side inlet culverts and the cost will be paid by landowner.

Tony Nordby reported Kraulik Excavating has begun the Repair of Polk County Ditch #43. He stated they started at the outlet end and are close to finishing the works on Lateral 1.

Administrator Praska reported the Hearing Notice on the Petition to Add Lands to the Benefited Area of Judicial Ditch #17 have been mailed and the notice is being published in the Warren Sheaf and it is also posted on the District's website. It was the consensus of the Board that Administrator Praska compile the necessary Findings for presentation at the Hearing, scheduled for July 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the District office.

Administrator Praska reported the Bonding Funds for the Repair of Polk County Ditch #175 in the amount of \$750,000.00, have been received and the expenses incurred prior to May 29, 2019, in the amount of \$86,202.58 are eligible for reimbursement under the Bonding Funds.

Administrator Praska reported Olson Construction TRF, Inc, has completed the tree removal along the field side and road side of Judicial Ditch #25-1, in the SW4 SW4, of Section 1, McCrea (Strip) Township. He stated McCrea Township has reimbursed the District, \$3,252.50 for the costs associated with the tree removal on the road side.

Tony Nordby reported Sky Scopes has performed the drone flight over the Swift Coulee and when he receives the lidar data he will be incorporating it into the modeling. He also inquired if

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he should proceed with contacting landowners to discuss possible retention sites. The Board directed Tony Nordby to proceed with contacting the landowners.

Administrator Praska reported the cement work for the new garage has been completed and Klopp Construction will begin construction of the garage on June 26, 2019.

Administrator Praska reported the City of Warren is seeking funding from the NWRDC for the proposed bike path along the PL-566 Diversion. He stated June 5, 2017 the Board passed a motion in support of a 10' bituminous bike path so long as there was no cost or liability issues to the District and the maintenance of the path is the sole responsibility of the City. A discussion was held concerning the risk of damage that could occur to the path from tractors crossing over it. Administrator Praska was directed to contact the City of Warren and discuss possible areas for tractor crossings.

Administrator Praska reported 3 computers and a server have been ordered from TechOne Technologies with delivery scheduled for July. He stated 2 of the District's computers will be upgraded.

It was announced that Mr. Bill Petersen will be attending the MAWD Summer Tour, scheduled for June 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Courtyard by Marriott, in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Mr. Roger Mischel announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting will be held on June 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., at the Area Event Center, in Ada, Minnesota.

Tony Nordby reported he sent the request to the NRCS to extend the expiration date on the RCPP #14 and RCPP #19 projects to May 20, 2021 and he received word that they are not receptive to extending them to 2021 but are considering extending them to May 20, 2020.

Connie Kujawa reported, that on behalf of the District, a floral bouquet was sent to the funeral service of Ronald J Adrian.

The following meetings were announced:

- July 1, 2019-8:30 a.m.-Regular Meeting, District Office
- July 1, 2019-10:00 a.m.-JD #17 Petition Hearing, District Office
- July 15, 2019-8:30 a.m.-Regular Meeting, District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Roger Mischel  
Secretary