

APPROVED (July 2, 2018)
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 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, David Bakke, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Bill Petersen and Roger Mischel were present. Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schломann, Joel Praska, LeRoy Vonasek, Tony Nordby, Dean Peterson, Tyler Larson, Rolland Miller, Murray Goodwin, Steve Goodwin and Tony Pulkrabek and Danny Omdahl were also present.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the agenda be approved, as amended with the addition of a Lock Box and the removal of Loren Zutz as a guest. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar the following bills be paid: payroll checks numbered 6219 through 6228 for a total of \$13,939.55; checks numbered 17917 through 17950, including the service charge and ACH payment, for a total of \$21,880.08; from the Project funds, checks numbered 2898 through 2909 inclusive, for a total of \$40,403.71; and Ditch Fund checks numbered 3195 and 3196, including the service charge, for a total of \$3,496.25 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Steve Goodwin, Murray Goodwin and Tony Pulkrabek addressed concerns with drainage issues occurring on County Ditch #43, Lateral 1, in sections 16 and 17 in Angus Township. They also stated the East slope of County Ditch #43, in the SE4 of Section 8, Angus Township has some slope sloughing occurring which is causing water to back up to the South. After discussion, the Board directed Staff to contact the landowner in Section 8, Angus Township, to see if additional right of way could be purchased to repair the slope sloughing and directed Houston Engineering to cross section approximately ½ mile of Section 8 to determine the costs to do the repair.

Tony Pulkrabek, Steve Goodwin and Murray Goodwin left the meeting at approximately 8:58 a.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

- 1) Permit (18-028) to Dean Peterson to remove a field crossing with an 18" culvert and install a dry crossing, NE4, SE4, Section 8, Brislet Township. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).
- 2) Permit (18-029) to Dean Peterson to install a dry crossing ~ 40 rods North of CSAH #67, in SE4 of Section 21, Brislet Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel).
- 3) Permit (18-030) to Dean Peterson to remove and replace (2) driveway crossings with 18" culverts and clean the West township road ditch from the ¼ mile line going South

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~1000 feet, in SE4, Section 20, Brislet Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

4) Permit (18-031) to Dean Peterson to remove and replace 3 field crossings with 24" culverts on the West side of US Hwy #75 and to clean/regrade the West US Hwy 75 ditch between 190th St NW and 200th St NW, W2 of Section 18, Brislet Township, contingent upon approval from the Minnesota DOT. (Motion by M. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel).

Dean Peterson left the meeting at approximately 9:22 a.m.

5) Permit (18-021) to Doug Schindele to regrade ~0.5 miles of the East township road ditch of 340th Ave NW from ½ mile going North; to install a 24" culvert thru a dry crossing, outletting into County Ditch #45, Branch 3, NW4, Section 31, Augsburg Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat)

6) Permit (18-024) to Gary Johnston to move an existing crossing with 18" culvert ~1200' North and install a new field crossing with a 18" culvert ~ 500' North of CSAH #23, SW4, Section 8, Angus Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke).

7) Permit (18-032) to Earl Pederson to install a field crossing with 24" culvert, NE4 NW4, Section 21, Holt Township. (Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen)

8) Permit (18-033) to Jim Potucek to clean the W CSAH #36 road ditch going South & the North township road ditch going West to the Melgard Coulee, provided the spoil is leveled. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

9) Permit (18-034) to Jim Potucek to build a dike along the North bank of CSAH #14 ditch from the driveway to the quarter line, SW4, Section 6, Comstock Township, provided the levee remains 1' below the road and right of way is obtained from Marshall County. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat).

The following permit was unanimously tabled until the landowner files a petition to be included in the benefited area of Judicial Ditch #16:

10) 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. Roger Mischel).

The following permits were administratively approved and reviewed:

11) Permit (18-022) to Helgeland Township to replace a 36" x 40' centerline culvert, with a culvert the same size and at same elevation, on range line common to Section 13 Helgeland Township and Section 18 Numedal Township.

12) Permit (18-025) to Comstock Township to lengthen existing N/S 18" culvert by 10' each side, SW4 Section 13 and NW4 Section 24 Comstock Township.

13) Permit (18-026) to Comstock Township to replace a 24" E/W culvert with a 24" culvert, same elevation, SW4 Section 16 and SE4 Section 17, Comstock Township.

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14) Permit (18-027) to Benjamin Langaas to extend an existing 18" culvert and widen crossing, NE4, Section 16, Norden Township.

Administrator Praska showed pictures of erosion occurring on the culverts on Watershed Ditch #5, in the NW4 of Section 10, Esther Township, on the N line of Section 9 Esther Township and on the N line of Section 10 Esther Township. It was the consensus of the Board to have the areas repaired.

Technician Omdahl reported there are (6) 24" field drain culverts in the S2 of Section 23 of Angus Township where erosion has occurred. He stated these culverts were not riprapped or fabric installed when the Brandt/Angus Coulee project was constructed. The Board directed Technician Omdahl proceed with hiring a contractor to repair the eroded culverts, with the installation of riprap and fabric, in the S2 of Section 23, Angus Township.

Administrator Praska reported the land rental bids on ~200 acres of hayland, in the N2 of Section 7 of Comstock Strip Township, at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, were publicly opened on June 15, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at the District office. The results of the bids are as follows:

Bidder Name	Amount of Bid (Total for 3 years)
Tony Vansickle	\$10,500.00
Jason Steer	\$10,000.00
Ryan Fenning	\$15,000.00
Tom Nelson & David Erlenmeyer	\$21,150.00

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the District enter into a land rental agreement on ~200 acres of hayland within the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project, with the high bidder, of Tom Nelson & David Erlenmeyer, for a 3 year term, beginning in 2018 and expiring November 2020, in the amount of \$21,150.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby announced a Project Team meeting on the Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP project has been scheduled for June 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Strandquist Community Center. He stated the purpose of the meeting will be to examine Review Points 2 and 3 and discuss alternatives.

Chairman Nelson reported he attended the Oslo/Access meeting, held last week, at the Houston Engineering office in Grand Forks, with Administrator Praska, Technician Schlomann and Tony Nordby. Tony Nordby stated Houston Engineering is finalizing the final report on the Oslo/Access study and it will be forwarded to the State of Minnesota to satisfy the grant requirement for final payment.

Tony Nordby gave a presentation on the existing conditions of the hydraulic and hydrology modeling performed to address the Purpose and Need of the Swift Coulee Project and stated a Project Team will be scheduled sometime in July.

The Board requested the proposed 2019 ditch levies be addressed at the July 2, 2018 board meeting.

Administrator Praska reported he and Chairman Nelson met with Loren Zutz, Ron Zutz and Jeff Monroe in Section 13 of Numedal Township to discuss the culvert sizing.

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Administrator Praska stated Loren Zutz would like to change the current 18" culvert to a 24" culvert and would like to see his neighbor do the same. He also stated the three culverts downstream are 30" culverts. The Board directed Administrator Praska to contact Loren Zutz and request he submit a permit application to change the culvert size from an 18" to a 24".

Connie Kujawa requested to purchase a lock/drop box for outside the office to receive documents when the office is closed. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase a lock/drop box.

Administrator Praska reported individuals are trapping gophers on the District's impoundments.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board is scheduled for June 19, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., at the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, Minnesota.

Administrator Praska reported a landowner in Section 10 of Warrenton Township is experiencing drainage issues in his yard due to the ditching on the lands north of his residence. Administrator Praska stated he has been informed the landowner and the farmer are working on remedying the issue.

The following meetings were announced:

July 2, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
July 16, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary