

**APPROVED** (as corrected June 18, 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 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, David Bakke, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat and Bill Petersen were present. Manager Roger Mischel was not present. Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schlomann, Joel Praska, LeRoy Vonasek, Tony Nordby, Dillon Nelson, Tyler Larson, Rolland Miller, Doug Schindele and Danny Omdahl were also present.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the agenda be approved, as amended with the addition of Red River Basin Commission to Communication. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

Doug Schindele reported the 24" centerline culvert, on the line common to section 31 Augsburg Township and section 36 Sinnott Township has been removed. He stated he believed he had an agreement with the adjacent landowner that the culvert would not be removed until he could regrade the ditch to the North in the fall.

Jerome Hoper and Gary Hoper joined the meeting at approximately 8:40 a.m.

Gary Hoper stated the township removed the 24" centerline culvert, in section 31 Augsburg Township and section 36 of Sinnott Township and he was under the assumption the Township had approval from the District. President Nelson stated permit (18-014) was tabled at the May 21, 2018 meeting which consisted of removing the 24" centerline culvert. A discussion followed, with the Board directing Augsburg Township to replace the unpermitted removal of the 24" centerline culvert. The Board also directed Doug Schindele to submit a permit request to remove the 24" centerline culvert and regrade the ditch to the North, on the line common to section line 31 Augsburg Township and Section 36 of Sinnott Township.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the following permit be denied:

(1) Permit (18-014) of Jerome Hoper to remove a 24" CSP on the line common to Section 36 Sinnott Township and Section 31 Augsburg Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Jerome Hoper and Gary Hoper left the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported there is some erosion occurring on Judicial Ditch #75 spoil, on the field side in the NW4 of Section 4, Northland Township. He stated Filipi Backhoe Service has been contacted to repair the erosion and to level off areas that need to be reseeded where the grass seed was eroded from the spring runoff, in areas of the 2017 repair.

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Danny Omdahl reported a sediment plug is obstructing flow in Judicial Ditch #14, Branch A and some boulders apparently have been placed in the ditch. He also reported the downstream ½ mile of Judicial Ditch Branch B should have sediment removed and a beaver dam removed nearby on the Main. The Board directed Danny Omdahl to plan for the sediment to be removed from Branch A and Branch B; to remove the beaver dam on the Main; and remove the boulders from Branch A, all on the Judicial Ditch #14 system.

Doug Schindele left the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported that the District had retained the Sentence to Serve crew to remove trees on the upstream portion of Judicial Ditch #21 Main, during the winter months of 2016-2017. Due to the removal of the trees, numerous stumps are impeding mowing and maintenance of the ditch bank. He also reported that sediment should be removed for approximately ½ mile, north of County Road #6. It was the consensus of the Board, to hire a contractor to remove the sediment and the stumps.

Administrator Praska reported the seeding done on the South inslope on a portion of Watershed Ditch #7 Improvement eroded from the spring snow melt. He stated Gowan Construction will take care of reseeding the area this week.

Administrator Praska reported Filipi Backhoe leveled the gopher mounds with a blade on County Ditch #43, Lateral 1 and the results were good. A discussion was held concerning the gopher bounty being paid by the District, with the consensus to add this item to the next meeting agenda.

Danny Omdahl discussed the 2017 Ditch Inspection report presented to the Board.

Danny Omdahl reported he cut some trees down at the Off Channel Storage Site and suggested the volunteer trees and thistle be sprayed. He also reported some erosion is occurring on the North line of the site. The Board directed Danny Omdahl to have the volunteer trees and thistle sprayed. The Administrator will contact the NRCS to discuss the erosion.

Danny Omdahl reported the Staff allowed the Brandt Angus Coulee's East Inlet Ditch to function this spring due to the coulee in section 28 Brandt having a flow restriction from cattails. The East Inlet Ditch structure is located next to the Angus Oslo #1 (AO #1) outlet. He suggested that more spraying of cattails should take place in AO #1. Danny Omdahl was directed to have approximately 2 miles of cattails sprayed.

Administrator Praska reported two individuals have shown interest in submitting a land rental bid for the hayland at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management site. He stated the deadline to submit a bid is 1:00 p.m., June 15, 2018.

Administrator Praska reported an individual is interested in purchasing an 18" x 30' culvert, with a flap gate, the District owns and is storing at Agassiz Valley. It was the consensus of the Board to retain possession of the culvert.

Tony Nordby reported the Hydraulics and Hydrology report of Existing Conditions on the Swift Coulee is being completed and should be ready for presentation at the next board meeting. He inquired if he should proceed with a scope and budget. The Board stated after they review the Hydraulics and Hydrology report and after it is presented and

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approved by the Project Team, the Board will make a decision if Houston Engineering should proceed with a Scope and Budget.

Tony Nordby reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service has not had time to review the Review Point 2 or Review Point 3 that was submitted on the Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP project. He stated, at the last board meeting, Keith Weston and Debra Walchuk, told the Board to continue to move forward with the project. He stated he is planning to schedule a Project Team meeting for the end of June.

Tony Nordby stated he is planning on scheduling a Project Team meeting on the Judicial Ditch #14 RCPP project, in mid-July, to continue to move the project forward.

Administrator Praska distributed a spreadsheet and breakdown of the levies levied against the legal drainage ditches of the District for the past ten years, for the Board to review, and to assist them in determining the 2019 levies.

Connie Kujawa inquired if any or all of the Board managers were interested in attending the MAWD Summer Tour, scheduled for June 20-22, 2018, in Chanhassen, Minnesota. The managers, in attendance, stated they would not be attending.

Connie Kujawa distributed the itinerary for the Red River Basin Commission Tour scheduled for June 6, 2018. The managers, in attendance, stated they would not be attending.

Administrator Praska announced the Oslo Access Steering Committee will be meeting on June 12, 2018, at the Houston Engineering office in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dillon Nelson, HDR Engineering, reported letters have been mailed to landowners informing them the survey crew will be performing topographical surveys over a broad area as part of the Alternative Analysis Study of the Newfolden/Middle River Subwatershed Flood Damage Reduction Project.

The following meetings were announced:

June 18, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office  
July 2, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:42 a.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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David Bakke  
Secretary