

APPROVED (March 19, 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. March 12, 2018**

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

President Nelson announced this is the alternate meeting date for the March 5, 2018 scheduled meeting that was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the agenda be approved, as amended with the addition of Buffer Law Resolution; changing the date on the agenda from March 5, 2018 to March 12, 2018; and correcting one of the March 19, 2018 upcoming meetings to April 2, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

Tammy Hanson joined the meeting at approximately 8:40 a.m., and Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 8:40 a.m.

Tony Nordby addressed the sloughing issues on Judicial Ditch #1 in sections 17 and 20 of Higdem Township and showed the board the extents of where the sloughing is taking place. He inquired if the Board wished to repair all slough areas or just portions where sloughing is the worst. He stated a portion of the spoil banks on Judicial Ditch # 1 is part of the Red River Ag Levee system and some of the work might be below the ordinary high water mark of the Red River which may require permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Army Corps of Engineers before any works could be done. The Board directed Tony Nordby to repair all sloughing within sections 17 and 20 of Higdem Township. Tony also stated that additional survey work will need to take place in the spring of 2018 at the outlet of Judicial Ditch #1 prior to finishing design.

Dillon Nelson, HDR Engineering, reviewed the Alternative Analysis report prepared to address removing the City of Newfolden from the FEMA flood plain. He gave a brief project history and stated the majority of the East side of Newfolden is in the flood plain. The Purpose and Need statement is to remove Newfolden from the 1% annual (100 year) floodplain a minimum of 1' below the base flood elevation set by FEMA. Some alternatives being explored are levee alignments, changing the culvert sizing under the railroad crossing, two diversion alignments, potential detention sites and a comprehensive project which would include multiple solutions. Some of the criteria that the alternatives were screened against were the Purpose and Need Statement, local benefits, public well being, and project implementation. The two alternatives recommended for further study were a detention site in Section 33 of New Maine Township with a diversion channel and a detention site in Section 11 of Newfolden Township. He stated in order to move forward, the MSTRWD would need to initiate a project. It was the consensus of the Board, in attendance, that they are in favor of

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initiating a project, however, they directed Dillon Nelson to present the Alternative Analysis to the Marshall County Commissioners.

Tammy Hanson left the meeting at approximately 10:02 a.m.

Danny Omdahl reported the Minnesota Audubon has begun mowing the invasive cattails on approximately 550 acres within the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project site and the works will be completed this week.

Tony Nordby reported a Legislative Briefing document has been submitted for future funding on the Oslo Access project with the State of Minnesota and funding is also being requested from the North Dakota State Water Commission. The cost estimate from the selected alternative from the Phase II study was used to assemble the funding requests for both states. He stated the Draft report for the Phase II study will be presented to the Oslo Access steering committee at the next meeting which is yet to be determined.

Administrator Praska reported two data practice requests have been received and the required documentation, if any, has been furnished to the requestor.

Administrator Praska reported the Amended Rules committee met on Friday, March 9, 2018, at the District office. He stated he will be making the changes, as recommended by the committee, and will forward them to the Managers for review. He also stated the recessed hearing on the Amended Rules is scheduled for March 19, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., at the District office.

Administrator Praska reported MSTRWD Manager Eric Johnson has submitted his resignation from the MSTRWD Board to the Marshall County Commissioners. Rolland Miller and LeRoy Vonasek, Marshall County Commissioners, stated the County will be advertising for a replacement.

Administrator Praska reported he met with Matt Fischer, BWSR, and Darren Carlson, Marshall County SWCD, to review the grants awarded to the District for County Ditch #175 and State Ditch #3. He stated the Marshall County SWCD will be in charge of the State Ditch #3 grant.

Administrator Praska reported he contacted the City of Warren regarding the District building a new garage/shop on the properties owned by the District, south of the office. He stated he was informed by Shannon Mortenson, of the City of Warren, that this shouldn't be an issue. Administrator Praska was directed to gather more information on the costs to construct a garage/shop and to check if funding options are available.

Administrator Praska reported the Board of Soil and Water Resources has approved the final Buffer Rule/Ordinance submitted by the District.

The Personnel Committee reported they met and conducted the 6 month performance review on Administrator Praska and Administrator Praska received high reviews.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board and Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting will be held on March 21-22, 2018, at the Courtyard by Marriot, in Moorhead, Minnesota. Managers John W Nelson and David Bakke and Administrator Praska will be attending.

The following meetings were announced:

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March 19, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
March 19, 2018-Amended Rules Hearing, 11:00 a.m., District Office
April 2, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer