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APPROVED (April 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. March 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat, Roger Mischel, David Bakke and Robert Kovar were present. Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schломann, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Rolland Miller, 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 removal of Newfolden/Middle River from Projects. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Jared Sands joined the meeting at approximately 8:35 a.m.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the following bills be paid from the Administrative Funds: payroll checks numbered 6184 through 6194 for a total of \$14,650.26; checks numbered 17810 through 17843, including the service charge, for a total of \$17,713.06; from the Project funds, checks numbered 2882 through 2887 inclusive, for a total of \$35,626.26; and Ditch Fund checks numbered 3184 through 3186, including the service charge, for a total of \$10,833.13 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that Paul Bergeron, Bloomer Township Supervisor, would not be attending the meeting and Gayle Stoltman, Bloomer Township Supervisor, would be attending.

The following permit was unanimously approved:

1) Permit (18-007) to Earl Mallinger and Jared Sands to install 157 acres drain tile; 7.5 HP (1102 GPM) VFD pump; 3/8" coefficient; 50' spacing; outletting into township road ditch and flowing North to MCD #41, SW4, Section 3, Vega Strip Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. David Bakke).

Administrator Praska reported two data practice requests have been received and the documents, if any, have been provided to the requestor.

Administrator Praska reported he will be requesting funding, in the amount of \$7,000.00, from the Red River Watershed Management Board, to cover the printing costs of the informational panels and installation costs of the kiosks at their meeting scheduled March 20, 2018.

Administrator Praska reported the Polk County Auditor has requested verification of the benefits on the legal drainage ditches within the jurisdiction of the District. He stated the District staff has verified the data and no discrepancies have been found.

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Gayle Stoltman joined the meeting at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported the Governor of Minnesota, as part of the 2018 Governor's Capital Budget Recommendation, is recommending \$20 million in grants to cities, counties and watershed districts to install, upgrade, or repair pumping stations, levees, flood impoundments and other flood mitigation structures. The grants will reduce flood risks in Afton, Austin, Golden Valley, Halstad, Montevideo, Moorhead, Rushford, the Roseau River Watershed and the Bois de Sioux Watershed.

Administrator Praska reported the 2018 Equipment Rental proposals were publicly opened at 1:00 p.m., on March 16, 2018.

Gayle Stoltman, Bloomer Township Supervisor, addressed the sloughing issue occurring in Section 6 of Bloomer Township, on State Ditch #3. He stated the township intends on purchasing right-of-way to move the road and they are requesting the District re-slope the ditch, on the South side of Section 6, Bloomer Township. The Board stated they will have the District Engineer review the area and design a plan with costs to repair the sloughing and requested Mr. Stoltman contact the Ottertail Power Company to find out what their requirements would be in relation to the power lines should the township move the road.

Gayle Stoltman left the meeting at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Administrator Praska stated the recessed hearing on the Amended Rules of the District will be held at 11:00 a.m., today, at the District office. Administrator Praska reviewed the changes made to the "draft" document, as recommended by the Permit Committee. After some discussion, a call was made to Attorney John Kolb for his advice regarding Contractor Liability.

It was announced the Joint Red River Watershed Management Board and Flood Damage Reduction meeting will be held on March 21, 2018 and March 22, 2018, with Administrator Praska and Managers Nelson, Bakke and Mischel attending.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting will be held March 20, 2018 at the Courtyard by Marriott Fargo-Moorhead.

The following meetings were announced:

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

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the regular meeting be recessed. Motion unanimously carried.

The regular meeting was recessed at approximately 10:22 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the recessed Hearing on the Amended Rules, of February 5, 2018, be reconvened. Motion unanimously carried.

The recessed Hearing on the Amended Rules was reconvened at approximately 11:00 a.m. Chairman Nelson announced the Hearing was being recorded.

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All managers were present. Others present were Danny Omdahl, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Rolland Miller, Jared Sands, Jeremy Misselhorn, Neil Johnson, Eric Johnson, Robin Johnson, Tony Johnson, Jared Petersen, Joey McGregor and Elden Elseth.

Administrator Praska pointed out the changes made to the "draft" document. After review, Chairman Nelson, opened the floor for public comment. Comments were received from the public and are recorded.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the hearing on the Amended Rules of the District be recessed to April 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the District office, and directed Administrator Praska to incorporate the changes to the "Draft" document and forward the revised "Draft" document to the individuals in attendance. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. David Bakke to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened at approximately 12:59 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned, at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary