

APPROVED (as corrected April 1, 2013)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
4:00 P.M. MARCH 25, 2013

The (rescheduled March 18th) meeting was called to order by President Roger Hille. Managers John W Nelson, Ben Kleinwachter, David Bakke, Marvin Hedlund and Alvin Nybladh were present. Manager Doug Sorenson was not present. Nick Drees, Ron Adrian, Danny Omdahl, LeRoy Vonasek, Heidi Hughes, Tony Nordby and Loren Zutz were also present.

Loren Zutz recorded the meeting with one recorder.

In the absence of Connie Kujawa, Danny Omdahl assumed the duties of Recording Secretary, for the meeting.

President Hille requested that operation of the Brandt Angus Coulee Project be added to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke, that the agenda be approved with the operation of the Brandt Angus Coulee Project be added to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. David Bakke motioned, Mr. John W Nelson seconded that, that the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting, be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative funds: that payroll checks numbered #5465 thru #5476 inclusive for a total of \$14,990.91; that checks numbered 15689-15718 inclusive, including the service charge for a total of \$19,182.98; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2236 through 2242 inclusive for a total of \$4,348.00; and from the Ditch funds that checks numbered 2633 through 2635 inclusive, for a total of \$1,580.62 Motion unanimously carried.

Loren Zutz addressed the Board on assorted subjects.

The following permit was unanimously approved:

1. Permit (13-004) City of Alvarado (to install a storm sewer pipe; realign ~200' of levee; stabilize levee and riverbank in Alvarado) (Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh)

Communications were reviewed concerning the March 26-27 Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Conference in Moorhead MN and the MN Viewers Association.

There were no DPA documents reviewed.

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Nick Drees discussed Judicial Ditch #14; that since the original construction in 1913 there has not been a Redetermination of Benefits.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund to proceed with a Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #14 due to land values not being reflective of today's value. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees discussed an upcoming meeting with representatives of the Department of Natural Resources on March 29th on the Agassiz Valley outlet Permit and whether the District should attempt to reseed the mitigation site on Agassiz Valley or give the seed one more year to establish.

The subject of employment of Heidi Hughes as an outreach person for the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District was discussed.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the District include in its Memorandum of Understanding with the Agassiz Audubon Society, (AAS) to share services, as presented by the AAS, be signed by the Board Chair pending review by the District's legal counsel. Motion unanimously carried.

Heidi Hughes addressed the Board; she said multiple tours of Agassiz Valley by UND students and various bird watching groups are scheduled.

Nick Drees informed the Board that the 90 acre parcel not included in the WRP contract remains in CRP and cannot be disturbed until the contract expires; the NRCS would prefer that the CRP lands be cultivated and seeded for a minimum of 1 year before being planted to native grasses; the NRCS stated that the District's share to do so would be 25% of all costs. The Board conferred and then took no action.

President Hille asked that more Brandt Angus Coulee discussion continue at the next meeting. The operation of the Project will be discussed at that time.

Nick Drees discussed the River Watch Conference at UMC in Crookston; the Tamarac River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study meeting in Karlstad discussing Tamarac River impairments, which is ongoing with the MN Pollution Control Agency; the Project Work Team (PWT) in the Tamarac River Subwatershed; discussion of utilizing Nelson Slough for potential increased floodwater storage; additional letters were mailed to individuals encouraging participation in the PWT.

Nick Drees reported on the Red River Water Management Board meeting in Crookston; that the next meeting is scheduled for April 16th in Warren and that plans will be developed to tour the Agassiz Valley Project and the Richard P Nelson Floodway.

Nick Drees announced that there will be a joint meeting with Red Lake Watershed District during the District's next Regular Meeting, April 1, 2013; he asked for a motion to send out Equipment Rental Proposals.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson to instruct staff to mail the Equipment Rental Proposals to contractors. Motion unanimously carried.

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Nick Drees reported:

1. PRO agreement update; a report will be reviewed at the April 15th meeting.
2. Bank signature cards discussion took place; that Danny Omdahl should become a signatory for the District's accounts.

The next regular meetings were scheduled for April 1, 2013 and April 15, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Danny Omdahl
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary