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APPROVED (March 16, 2020)
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 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers Bill Petersen, David Bakke, Robert Kovar, Brad Blawat, Roger Mischel and John W Nelson were present. Tony Nordby, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Kyle Schlomann, Connie Kujawa, Gunnar Bowman, Jeremy Misselhorn, Dillon Nelson, James Duckstad and Dale Krystosek were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the agenda be approved, as amended, to include: Permit (20-010). Motion unanimously carried.

Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. (Permit 20-013) to Wilbur Novacek to install a 18" centerline culvert with flapgate thru CSAH #23, to drain Southerly into WD #5 (Sta 425+00; SW4 SE4, Section 12, Northland Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel).
2. (Permit 20-016) to Doug Huderle to install an 18" field drain culvert with a trap, in an open swale; outletting south into CSAH #23, SE4, Section 10, Northland Township, provided the elevation is set by the District. (Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

The following permits were approved:

3. (Permit 20-010) to Jim Potucek to install 76 acres drain tile; ¼" drainage coefficient; 100' tile spacing; outletting to an existing lift station; E2 SW4, Section 3, Comstock Township; Contingent upon a survey of the existing culvert elevations and ditch grades and a plan to force tiled water to flow West along CSAH #14; and pending approval from Marshall County and Comstock Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar, with Mr. Brad Blawat and Mr. David Bakke voting against).
4. (Permit 20-015) to Polk County Highway Department to regrade and widen approximately 7 miles of CSAH #23, from MN TH #220 in Section 7, Northland Township, East, to Section Line 8/9 of Tabor Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel, with Mr. Robert Kovar abstaining).

The following permit was unanimously tabled until the applicant can discuss with the downstream landowner along the coulee' in regards to the possibility of cleaning and maintaining the coulee, to serve as an outlet for drain tile drainage in sections 27 & 28 of Middle River Township:

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5. (Permit 20-014) to Tony Vansickle to install 150 acres drain tile; ¼" drainage coefficient; 40' spacing; 10 hp (705 GPM) VFD pump, NW4, Section 35, Middle River Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel).

Jeremy Misselhorn left the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.

The following permit was Administratively approved and reviewed:

6. (Permit 20-017) to BNSF Railway to replace (3) 48" x 70' CMP culverts with (3) 48" x 70' RCP culverts, crossing an unnamed ditch; NE4, Section 1, Boxville Township.

Dale Krystosek, Minnesota BWSR Performance Review and Assistance Program Coordinator, presented and reviewed the Draft Level II Performance Review of the District. He stated the Level II review is conducted every 10 years, with a focus on the degree to which the District is accomplishing its watershed management plan. He stated the Performance Review included a survey of local government agencies, MSTRWD Board members and staff, regarding their impressions and interactions working with the District. He reported, after compiling the results of the survey the District shows good compliance with the Board of Soil and Water Resources basic and high-performance standards. He stated the next step is for the MSTRWD Board of Managers to provide a comment letter, if they so choose, within 30 days, to BWSR in regards to the Draft Review. He also suggested the District submit an application for a grant with BWSR for PRAP funding.

Dale Krystosek left the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Tony Nordby, Engineer, reported it appears approximately 1 acre of additional right-of-way would be needed to repair the slough on the South bank of Judicial Ditch #1, in Section 17 of Higdem Township. He stated it is unknown if the apparent section lines are accurate and suggested a legal survey be done to determine the section lines in section 17 and 20 of Higdem Township. Administrator Praska reviewed some current agricultural land sales for the Board to consider in offering a price per acre to purchase an easement for the additional right of way. It was the consensus of the Board, that Administrator Praska, be authorized to offer \$4,500.00 per acre for additional right of way and Houston Engineering perform a legal survey to determine the section lines in section 17 and 20 of Higdem Township.

Administrator Praska reported he met with Norman Lindemoen to review the Easement Purchase Option and Pre-Construction Agreement regarding the Newfolden Project and Mr. Lindemoen is receptive to the agreement. He also reported he has had conversations with David Lokstad and Todd Strange. He stated Mr. Lokstad is fine with the agreement and the agreement documents were mailed to Mr. Strange for his review. Administrator Praska stated the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be deciding this week, if they will be replacing the bridge along MN TH #59, within the City of Newfolden, for the 2020 construction season.

Tony Nordby reported the Judicial Ditch #19 RCPP Project Team met February 20, 2020, at Strandquist Community Center and it was well attended. The proposed outlet structure, operating levels and plans were discussed. He stated the DNR is proposing to change the automatic overflow's low weir width from 6' to 20' until a project can be implemented. Tony

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also reported the Alternative Screening Document has been uploaded to the District's website and comments on the screening document will be accepted until March 11, 2020.

Administrator Praska reported he discussed with Pat Lynch, MN DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Manager, the request of the BTAG group, to be included on the flood hazard mitigation list of projects. Mr. Lynch informed Praska an application would need to be completed by BTAG. Administrator Praska reported he forwarded the application to the BTAG group. Administrator Praska also stated the BTAG group is looking at shooting a video depicting the flooding issues Oslo faces every year. He stated the BTAG group will be attending the March 16, 2020 board meeting, and will be requesting the District make Oslo Access a project; request funding assistance to make a video; and request the District help pay the expenses associated with Houston Engineering assisting in completing the FDR application form.

Tony Nordby gave an update on the hydraulic and hydrology modeling performed on the Swift Coulee. He stated they looked at channel restoration cleaning at a grade going from culvert to culvert; historic aerial photography, adding meanders back in the channel and comparisons of 24 hour rainfall events on a 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 100 year scenario. He stated they reviewed the channel restoration data with the modified impoundment site "C" in section 3 and 4 of McCrea Township and it appears, by the results of the modeling, that site "C" would be a good fit. Tony recommended the District proceed with contacting the affected landowners to see if there is interest. The Board directed Tony and Administrator Praska set up meetings with the landowners to discuss Site "C".

Administrator Praska reported Rodney Larson has applied for a USDA CRP contract on approximately 40 acres, at the Angus Oslo Site #1, including 4 acres of Pollinator CRP. He also reported he contacted the Agassiz Audubon and they are currently signed up for CRP and he reported the Polk County FSA has determined there are no available acres at the Agassiz Audubon that qualify for a CRP program.

It was announced equipment rental proposals, for the 2020 construction season, will be accepted until March 13, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Administrator Praska reported, the following bids, for land rental, were received and publicly opened on February 27, 2020, at the District office.

Brandt/Angus (Part of S2, Sec 18 & Part of Sec 19, Brandt Twp) (~60 Acres) 3 Year Term (2020, 2021, 2022)	
Arlyn Stroble	\$1,001.00
David Erlenmeyer	\$5,040.00
PL-566 (Part of SE4, Sec 2; Part of SW4, Sec 2, Boxville Twp) (~32.19 Acres) 3 Year Term (2020, 2021, 2022)	
Pierce Rosendahl	\$10,188.00
PL-566 (Part of E2, Sec 31 and Part of Sec 6, McCrea Twp; Part of SE4, Sec 1, Boxville Twp)	

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(62.3 Acres) 3 Year Term (2020, 2021, 2022)	
David Erlenmeyer	\$3,924.01
AGASSIZ VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT (SW4, Sec 12, Brislet Twp) (70 Acres) 3 Year Term (2020, 2021, 2022)	
Arlyn Stroble	\$8,401.00
Travis Nelson	\$7,801.00
David Jadeke	\$7,530.00
Ryan Fenning	\$8,400.00
OFCSS (PL-566) (Portions of W2 & NW SE, Sec 15, Comstock Twp) (~60 Acres) 3 Year Term (2020, 2021, 2022)	
Travis Nelson	\$6,401.00

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. David Bakke to accept the bid of David Erlenmeyer, in the amount of \$3,924.01, for Part of the E2 of Section 31; Part of Section 6; and part of SE4, Section 1, McCreia Township, for a three year term, consisting of approximately 62.3 acres. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen to accept the bid of Arlyn Stroble, in the amount of \$8,401.00, for the SW4 of section 12, Brislet Township, for a three year term, consisting of approximately 70 acres. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to accept the bid of David Erlenmeyer, in the amount of \$5,040.00, for part of the S2 of section 18 and part of section 19, Brandt Township, for a three year term, consisting of approximately 60 acres. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen to accept the bid of Travis Nelson, in the amount of \$6,401.00, for portions of W2 and NW4 SE4, of section 15, Comstock Township, for a three year term, consisting of approximately 60 acres. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel to accept the bid of Pierce Rosendahl, in the amount of \$10,188.00, for part of SE4 and part of the SW4 in section 2, Boxville Township, for a three year term, consisting of approximately 32.19 acres. Motion unanimously carried.

The following meetings were announced:

- March 16, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office
- April 6, 2020-Regular Meeting-8:30 a.m., District Office
- March 10-11, 2020-March Conference-Moorhead, MN
- March 18-19, 2020-Legislative Breakfast-St. Paul

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:12 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Secretary