

APPROVED (May 16, 2011)
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. MAY 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Sorenson. Managers Doug Sorenson, John W Nelson, Marvin Hedlund, David Bakke, Roger Hille and Ben Kleinwachter were present. Manager Alvin Nybladh was not present. Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian and Tony Nordby were also present.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that Connie Kujawa be appointed the recording secretary for purposes of keeping the minutes of the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no individuals present for the open forum.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following permit be denied until additional information is received that supports the work requested:

1. Permit (11-016) of Doug Schindle to regrade a 36" culvert and a 31" x 51" CSPA, on the north side of Marshall County State Aid Highway #5, in the SW SW, of Section 31 of Augsburg Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

The permit (11-017) has not been received by the District.

Nick Drees reported that the Marshall County Commissioners have requested the District accept the designation as the Responsible Governmental Unit in preparing the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Tamarac River realignment proposed by Enbridge Energy.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the District be the Responsible Governmental Agency in preparing the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Enbridge Energy Tamarac River Realignment, provided Enbridge Energy pays for the bulk of the costs. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that Ray Bohn, of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, has stated that the 2011 MAWD Summer tour is for MAWD members and their guests. Nick Drees was directed to reply to those individuals who inquired about attending the tour and are not members.

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Nick Drees reported that correspondence has been received from Adrian Wesolowski requesting a Texas crossing in the Snake River, in section 32 of McCrea Township be repaired or restored.

Nick Drees reported that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has apparently agreed to the permitting of (3) Texas crossings downstream of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Ron Adrian will be submitting the design plan to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

A discussion was held concerning a portion of the grass strip that has been tilled along State Ditch #3, in the south half of section 31 of Parker Township; in the northwest quarter of section 6 of Bloomer Township; and along Watershed Ditch #7.

It was the consensus of the Board that Nick Drees be directed to send certified letters to the landowners along State Ditch #3 and Watershed Ditch #7 informing them that the grass strip needs to be re-established at the landowner expense.

Nick Drees reported that Jim Stengrim has appealed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals the District courts decision agreeing to the District's request to drop the lawsuit against Jim Stengrim on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project Breach of Contract lawsuit.

Nick Drees reported that the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources have received comments regarding the District's Overall Plan from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and from the Marshall County Water Planning Office.

Nick Drees reported that the hearing on the Petition of the Drainage Authority to Outlet into Polk County Ditch #43 and Polk County Ditch #44 regarding the Brandt/Angus Project was held on April 28, 2011, at the Bremer Bank. A resolution supporting the petition was passed by the Board and said resolution has been filed with the District's records.

A letter received by John Jaschke, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, from Jim Stengrim, was distributed.

Nick Drees stated the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources is responding to the letter of Jim Stengrim.

A discussion was held concerning the Tamarac TMDL study. It was stated that the Two Rivers Watershed and the Joe River Watershed District anticipate approving the Joint Powers Agreement soon.

Nick Drees reported that the Auditors from Brady-Martz conducted their on-site audit of the District's 2010 finances, on April 27, 2011.

Nick Drees was directed to contact Brady-Martz and see if they would be able to present the 2010 audit of the District's finances, at the May 16, 2011, regular meeting of the Board.

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It was announced that the Red River Basin Commission is holding a meeting regarding their long term flood solutions, on May 3, 2011 at the Community Center in Oslo, Minnesota, at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers will be held on May 16, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Ben Kleinwachter
Secretary