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APPROVED (May 20, 2019)
**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. May 6, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat, John W Nelson, Robert Kovar and Roger Mischel were present. Connie Kujawa, Tony Nordby, Kyle Schlomann, Joel Praska, Tyler Larson, Danny Omdahl, Jim Duckstad, and Tony Johnson were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the agenda be approved, as amended, to include March Impoundment. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the Minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar to approve payment of payroll checks #6346-6350 for a total of \$7,585.93 and check #18253 to the Department of the Treasury, in the amount of \$2,472.74, from the Administrative Funds. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Johnson reported erosion has occurred due to water breaking out of the North side of the Snake River, in the vicinity of the March Impoundment, in Section 14 of Sandsville Township. A discussion was held on repairing the damaged area and it was the consensus of the Board that the District would repair the area and adjust the fall rental payment of JFF Farms to offset any crop damages that may occur due to the repair.

Tony Johnson left the meeting at approximately 8:45 a.m.

The following permit was Administratively approved and reviewed:

1) Permit (19-007) Ed Honek-to widen an existing field crossing with a 24" culvert, NE4 SE4, Section 14, Northland Township.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

2) Permit (19-008) to Cole and Lucas Goodwin to install 230 acres drain tile; 5 hp (1080 GPM) VFD pump; ¼ " coefficient; 100' spacing, outletting to the North ditch of 200th St NW, SE4 and E2 SW4 of section 9 Brislet Township. *NOTE: (This permit is contingent upon the applicants petitioning the land in the NE4 SE4 of Section 9, Brislet Township into the drainage area of Judicial Ditch #17).* (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

3) Permit (19-009) to Brenda Rae Myhrer to extend permit (16-064) to build a levee on the North property line, along the South township road ditch of 320th St NW, NE4 NE4, Section 16, Newfolden Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat).

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Dustin Holmstrom joined the meeting at approximately 8:56 a.m.

4) Permit (19-010) to Brandt Township to remove a failed inoperable East/West centerline culvert thru 260th Ave NW on section line 7/8, Brandt Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

5) Permit (19-013) to Neil Johnson to install 30 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 44' spacing; gravity outlet to a natural coulee outletting into the Snake River, SW4, Section 5, Boxville Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

Technician Omdahl reported flood waters have washed out approximately 85' of spoil bank on Judicial Ditch #29, in the NW4 of Section 22, Parker Township. He reported the Judicial Ditch #29 system does not have a Board ordered grass strip. The Board directed Technician Omdahl to review the files and determine the amount of right of way the District has to possibly seed a grass strip.

Administrator Praska reported that he and Technician Omdahl met with the Brandt Township Supervisors and landowners to discuss the issue of water overtopping the road in Section 36 of Helgeland Township. Administrator Praska stated the District staff will be inspecting the area this summer and will report their findings when the inspection is completed.

Administrator Praska reported the quotes solicited for the Repair of Polk County Ditch #43 are scheduled to be opened today at 10:00 a.m., at the District office.

Administrator Praska reported there is damage to the Judicial Ditch #1 backslope on the south side of the ditch where it was repaired last year. Spring floodwater wave action is the cause. He stated due to adverse weather conditions, last fall, the final seeding did not get done. The Board directed the Staff to proceed with repairing the erosion and seeding.

Administrator Praska and Tony Nordby reported a meeting on the Swift Coulee Project was held with landowners to brief them on what has been done, inform them of the next steps in the process and to find out if there is interest in proceeding with the project. They stated, of those, in attendance, half would like to see the District continue with the project. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board, to proceed with the Swift Coulee project and directed, Tony Nordby, to proceed with the next step to identify possible retention areas and have conversations with landowners.

Administrator Praska reported he has a verbal commitment from the City of Warren, in the amount of \$9,000.00, for the District's current garage and bids are being solicited for the construction of a new garage, with the bid opening scheduled for May 17, 2019.

Administrator Praska reported the District staff has removed some stop logs at the Angus Oslo Site #1 so water can flow to the Brandt Angus Coulee project and the gates at all of the other Impoundments remain closed.

Chairman, John W Nelson, publicly opened the following quotes received for the Repair of Polk County Ditch #43:

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Lunke Inc	110,023.72
Olson Construction TRF	215,967.88
Triple D Construction	189,035.00
Davidson Construction	199,574.50
Kraulik Excavating	132,324.65
Zavoral Construction	185,317.00

Chairman Nelson stated the acceptance of the low bidder and awarding of the contract will be deferred until the bids have been audited.

Nate Dalager and Dillon Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported he met with the Marshall County Commissioners to review the works of the District and discuss the open manager positions. He also reported, the Polk County Commissioners will be voting to pass a resolution on the bonding of the Repair of Polk County Ditch #175 on May 7, 2019.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., May 21, 2019, at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Technician Omdahl gave a brief report of the water matters by the Van Hapka farmstead, the vicinity of the Brandt/Angus Impoundment and Angus Oslo #1 Impoundment.

The following meetings were announced:

May 20, 2019-8:30 a.m.-Regular Meeting, District Office
June 3, 2019-8:30 a.m.-Regular Meeting, District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel to open the Hearing on the Newfolden/Middle River Project. Motion unanimously carried.

The hearing was opened at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the Hearing on the Newfolden/Middle River Project be recessed to the Bremer Bank, in Warren, Minnesota, to accommodate those in attendance. Motion unanimously carried.

The hearing was recessed at approximately 11:02 a.m., to be reconvened at the Bremer Bank.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Roger Mischel
Secretary