

APPROVED (May 20, 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. MAY 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers, Marvin Hedlund, Alvin Nybladh, Doug Sorenson, John W Nelson, David Bakke and Ben Kleinwachter were present. Manager Roger Hille was not present. Nick Drees, Ron Adrian, Danny Omdahl, Connie Kujawa, Heidi Hughes, Tony Nordby, Dean Peterson, LeRoy Vonasek, Ron Sorvig, Preston Solberg, Tyler Solberg and Eric Johnson and Rolland Miller were also present.

By unanimous consent the agenda was accepted, as amended, with the addition of the payment of checks and PC Ditch #43, PC Ditch #44 and JD #15.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that checks numbered 15750 and 15751 for a total of \$620.00 be paid from the Administrative Funds and check number 2254 for a total of \$527.00 be paid from the Project Fund. Motion unanimously carried.

Open Forum:

1. Dean Peterson discussed the drainage issue in Section 31 of Brislet Township. The Board took this matter under advisement.
2. Preston Solberg would like permission to clean the ditch in Section 36 of Comstock Township; reset the 15" culvert and remove a dry crossing. District staff will investigate and survey the area.
3. Eric Johnson asked about drainage in section 11 of Angus Township, in the vicinity of County Ditch #43 Main Branch.

Roger Hille joined the meeting at approximately 4:12 p.m.

Nate Dalager joined the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the following permit was tabled until a discussion with Helgeland Township is scheduled:

1. Permit (13-006) Helgeland Township to remove a 24" or 36" failing centerline culvert and install a 24" or 36" culvert at the same grade/elevation, SW4 of Section 31, Helgeland Township. (Motion Doug Sorenson, seconded David Bakke).

By unanimous consent, the following permits were unanimously approved:

2. Permit (13-009) Dean Peterson to remove a crossing with a 24" culvert in SE SE; to remove a crossing with a 24" culver in SW SE; to install a new crossing with (2) 30" culverts in SW SW, Section 21, McCrea Township. (Motion Roger Hille, seconded John W Nelson)

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3. Permit (13-011) American Crystal Sugar to move a North/South ditch approximately 15' West, Warren Piling Station. (Motion Alvin Nybladh, seconded Marvin Hedlund)

4. Permit (13-012) Eric Johnson to install a 36" culvert and trap in an open swale and install fill to existing spoil bank, NW NE, Section 36 of Vega Township. (Motion by John W Nelson, seconded Roger Hille to approve because of 36" CL culvert).

Permit (13-011) Mike Bienek was withdrawn by applicant.

Dean Peterson left the meeting at approximately 5:03 p.m.

Communications were distributed from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning a Summer Event and from the Red River Basin Commission concerning a June Directors Tour.

Danny Omdahl reported on the FEMA Resilience Meeting held in Crookston, Minnesota, on April 30, 2013.

Nick Drees reported:

1. that Judicial Ditch #16 has a washed out crossing on section line 26/35 of Vega Township. District staff is directed to meet with the landowners.

2. Judicial Ditch #14, Branch E a landowner has requested a berm be built if possible. The District will continue with cleaning the ditch and a berm will be constructed if possible.

3. Polk County Ditch #43 and Polk County Ditch #44-that questions whether the landowners were paid for the establishment of a grass strip is still in question. Blake Carlson of Widseth, Smith and Nolting is documenting.

4. Judicial Ditch #15, Branch B-the spoil along Marshall County Ditch #14 has eroded. District is to send letter to the landowner.

Heidi Hughes gave a brief update on upcoming tours scheduled for the Agassiz Water Resource Management Project; on the Sustainable Communities Forum held in Warren on May 4, 2013. and on the Tamarac Rivers Project Work Team meeting held on April 25, 2013 in Strandquist, Minnesota.

Heidi Hughes left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Nick Drees reported:

Agassiz Valley Water Resources Project (Outlet)-that the District has received verbal approval from the Minnesota DNR for the cleaning of the coulee; that the Corps of Engineers is requesting a new application be made separate from the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project; and that Marvin Hedlund and John W Nelson met with the landowner regarding the land acquisition.

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Nate Dalager reported that the East inlet ditch of the Brandt/Angus Impoundment has eroded in some areas and will need to be reworked and reseeded.

Nate Dalager left the meeting at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Nick Drees reported that the Grand Marais Coulee WRAP met April 18, 2013, in East Grand Forks and the Snake River WRAP met May 1, 2013 in Warren and Newfolds.

It was announced that the Red River Watershed Board Meeting was held in Warren, on April 16, 2013 and the next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013 at the Wild Rice Watershed District in Fertile, Minnesota.

Nick Drees reported the Natural Resources Conservation Service conducted an interviews and tours along the Red River Basin. They stopped in Warren and interviewed staff, a local resident and toured the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, PL-566 and the Brandt/Angus Project.

Nick Drees reported that the narrative portion of the 2012 Annual Report has been completed; that the Auditors will be conducting an audit of the District's finances on May 7th and 8th, 2013; and that Draft copies of the employee job descriptions are ready for Board review.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that salary adjustments be made as follows, effective May 1, 2013.

Danny Omdahl	\$400.00/month
Ron Sorvig	\$100.00/month
Doug Mager	\$100.00/month

Motion unanimously carried.

Danny Omdahl reported on the Polk County FEMA meeting that was held in Crookston, on April 30th, 2013.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Vendor be asked to attend the next regular meeting to address questions regarding the updating of the District's computer systems.

It was announced that the notices for the 2013 Equipment Rental have been advertised and will be publically opened on May 20, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the District office.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 20,, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary