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APPROVED (May 21, 2018)
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 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat, Roger Mischel, and David Bakke were present. Manager Robert Kovar was not present. Connie Kujawa, Kyle Schlomann, Joel Praska, LeRoy Vonasek, Tony Nordby, Mike Enright, Dean Danielski, Harlen Boman, Blake Owens, Dillon Nelson and Tyler Larson were also present.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the agenda be approved, as amended, with the addition of AGV rental payment and Alex Wardwell. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1) Permit (18-012) to Steve Nelson to install 395 acres drain tile; 2-gravity outlets; ¼" coefficient; 50' spacing, N2, Section 20, Higdem Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Roger Mischel)

2) Permit (18-016) to Dave and Julian Stusynski to install 42 acres drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 80' spacing; gravity fed outlet into S township road ditch of 430th St NW, NE4, Section 20, Nelson Park Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat)

The following permits were tabled:

3) Permit (18-014) Jerome Hoper to replace 21" CSP with 36" CSP, in NW4 of Section 36, Sinnott Township; to regrade section line ditch ~ ¾ mile to culvert; to remove a 24" CSP on line common to Section 36 Sinnott Township and Section 31, Augsburg Township. Kyle Schlomann was directed to inform Mr. Hoper that a 24" CSP is the recommended size based on the District requirements, not a 36". Written approval from the Township Road Authority must be obtained before the Board can consider permitting the removal of the 24" centerline culvert that crosses under 340th Ave NW.

4) Permit (18-015) Doug Schindele to regrade East township road ditch going North on line common to Section 31, Augsburg Township and Section 36, Sinnott Township; to install 36" side inlet culvert thru a dry crossing to County Ditch #45. Kyle Schlomann was directed to inform Mr. Schindele that an 18" CSP is the District's recommended side inlet culvert size and that approval from the township is required.

Alex Wardwell joined the meeting at approximately 8:51 a.m.

Alex Wardwell, Audubon Minnesota, stated she will be performing a survey of marsh birds this week at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project and is documenting photo points of the effects of the spraying and mowing of the cattails. She also reported she is monitoring the water level of the impoundment with District staff.

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Mike Enright joined the meeting at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Tammy Hansen joined the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Tony Nordby reported he has prepared a preliminary plan to repair the East/West portion of Judicial Ditch #1 in sections 17 and 20 of Higdem Township and that he will contact Stephanie Klamm of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to see if a permit will be required to repair the sloughing.

Administrator Praska reported he received quotes to replace the 4 damaged flap gates on Judicial Ditch #1, in the vicinity of MN Trunk Highway #220. He stated the Board had previously authorized the purchase, not to exceed \$2000.00, however, the cost of 4 flap gates would be \$2,902.60.

Jared Sands joined the meeting at approximately 9:10 a.m.

Jared Sands stated the damaged flap gates were not installed by the landowner and are in bad shape. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board, that the District pay up to \$2,000.00 as previously approved provided Jared Sands pays the remaining cost of the flap gates and installs them.

Tony Nordby presented the hydraulics report he prepared on the structure and channel on Judicial Ditch #1, upstream and downstream of MN Trunk Highway #220, in sections 19 and 20 of Sandsville Township. He reported the existing structure has a waterway area of ~250 square feet, while the structure upstream of MN Trunk Highway #220 has a waterway area of ~312 square feet, and the structure downstream of MN Trunk Highway #220 has a waterway area of ~396 square feet. He also reported the MN DOT would not provide assistance in the event the existing structure is replaced. The Board directed Tony Nordby to look in to an area East of MN Trunk Highway #220 that could be used as a retention area.

Administrator Praska reported H2Overviewers have the Draft Viewer Reports completed on the Redetermination and Determination of Benefits of Polk County Ditch #175 and they will present them to the Board after the District receives and accepts the Final Engineer's Report. Administrator Praska stated the Engineer for the project anticipates the Engineer's Report will be completed in the next two to three weeks. Administrator Praska also reported that Deborah Rynda, a viewer on the project, is no longer associated with H2Overviewers and H2Overviewers have assigned Shantel Hecht as a replacement viewer, upon Board approval.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the Board accept the termination of Viewer's duties from Deborah Rynda and accept Shantel Hecht as a Viewer for the Redetermination and Determination of Benefits of Polk County Ditch #175. Motion unanimously carried.

Harlen Boman, Vega Township Supervisor, stated the township is looking to replace and extend the culvert that has washed out on Judicial Ditch #16 and inquired if the District would be willing to expend funds and repair the scour hole at the same time the culvert is replaced.

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that Houston Engineering work with Vega Township to prepare a plan and costs to replace the culvert on Judicial

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Ditch #16 and provide a plan and costs to the District to repair the scour hole. Motion unanimously carried.

Harlen Boman left the meeting at approximately 9:42 a.m.

Blake Owens discussed the spring flooding that occurred in the vicinity of the Angus Oslo #4 Impoundment. He stated waters overtopped the dike built in the SE4 NE4 of section 9 and flooded the George Owens residence. Blake inquired if an inlet pipe could be installed on the South diversion ditch in Section 10 of Brandt Township and the dike in section 9 be raised.

After discussion, Danny Omdahl and Tony Nordby were directed to review the following options: 1) raise and lengthen the levee in section 9, Brandt Township; 2) construct a ditch with a pipe and gate on the interior of Angus Oslo diversion ditch in section 10, Brandt Township; 3) install a pipe and gate to connect to the natural drain on the interior the Angus Oslo Impoundment in section 10, Brandt Township.

Dillon Nelson, presented the Proposal-Newfolden/Middle River Subwatershed Flood Damage Reduction Project-Task Order #2-Preliminary Engineers Report, of HDR Engineering to provide engineering services for the Newfolden/Middle River Project.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Task Order #2 for the Newfolden/Middle River Subwatershed Flood Damage Reduction Project, with HDR Engineering. Motion unanimously carried.

Tammy Hansen left the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Administrator Praska reported the rental payment received on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project has been returned for non-sufficient funds. He stated the check has been re-deposited and at this time, it is unknown if it will clear. Administrator Praska was directed to contact the renter, Darrel Peterson, and Steffes Auctioneers.

Chairman Nelson announced he would be leaving the meeting and relinquished his duties to Vice President Mr. Bill Petersen.

Chairman Nelson left the meeting at approximately 10:22 a.m. Vice President, Petersen, presided over the meeting.

Administrator Praska reported:

1) he has retained individuals to trap gophers, at \$3.50 per gopher, at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, the Off-Channel Storage Site, Brandt/Angus Impoundment and the Angus Oslo #4 Impoundment.

2) the Red River Watershed Management has agreed to fund the printing of the panels and installation of the kiosks, in the amount of \$7,000.00.

3) the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has informed the Pine to Prairie Birding Trail that the Brandt/Angus and Angus Oslo #4 sites meet the criteria of being trail site friendly.

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4) he has been informed by Josh Johnston, Marshall County Emergency Management Director, that disaster damage funds are available for the 2018 spring flood and to qualify for funding the District would need \$17,000.00 in damages, per incident.

The changes to the Draft Amended Rules were reviewed. The Amended Rules will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Administrator Praska reported the Marshall County Commissioners have not received any applications for the vacant manager position.

Administrator Praska stated the Executive Director of the Red River Watershed Management Board, Rob Sip, will be attending the next regular meeting of the Board, as a guest.

Administrator Praska stated he has been contacted by Jerry Knute in regards to having his driveway graveled. Danny Omdahl informed the Board that as part of the Judicial Ditch #75 repair, the Board has an obligation to maintain the Knute driveway. Administrator Praska was directed to have the Knute driveway graveled.

Connie Kujawa distributed the draft 2017 Annual Report for the Board to review.

Danny Omdahl reported the staff is removing stop logs at the Angus Oslo #1 site.

Tony Nordby announced the Oslo/Access Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on May 22, 2018, at the Houston Engineering office, in Grand Forks.

The following meetings were announced:

May 21, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
June 4, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

David Bakke
Secretary