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**APPROVED (December 1, 2014)
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. NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers John W Nelson, Roger Hille, Tom Neibauer and Ben Kleinwachter were present. Managers Jim Jubie, Marvin Hedlund and David Bakke were not present. Ron Sorvig, Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Tony Nordby, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian, Dean Danielski, Rolland Miller, Joe Pierce, Todd Dvorak, Deb Rynda, Loren Zutz, Bob Honek and Joe Honek were also present.

By unanimous consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds that payroll checks numbered 5724 through 5735 inclusive for a total of \$13,352.66; that checks numbered 16374 through 16408, excluding check #16404, including the service charge and the general journal entry, for a total of \$15,678.29; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2431 through 2441, excluding check #2440, for a total of \$51,476.63; from the RRWMB fund, check #164 for a total of \$5,109.36; and from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 2794 through 2801 inclusive, for a total of \$280,259.25 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Loren Zutz recorded the meeting with a video recorder. He requested the November 3, 2014 minutes be amended to remove his name from the discussion regarding the permit of Peter Erickson.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the motion accepting the minutes as presented, be amended to approve the minutes, as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Loren Zutz inquired if an easement has been filed or will be filed for the properties acquired for the establishment of the grass strip on Judicial Ditch #25-1. He also asked who is responsible for the insurance and taxes on the properties.

Jeff Hane responded that right of way acquisition is fee simple and that the landowner is responsible for the taxes and insurance.

The meeting was recessed at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Peter Erickson joined the meeting at approximately 4:29 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Loren Zutz requested to be notified whenever Peter Erickson will be appearing on the District's meeting agenda.

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Danny Omdahl reported:

1. the hearing on the petition of Don Diedrich and Others to remove lands and abandon some lands on Judicial Ditch #25-1 is scheduled for December 1, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the District office.
2. the sediment removal of County Ditch #175 has been suspended due to the contractor is currently working on a prior commitment;
3. the excavation work on Project 60 could be suspended, dependent upon weather conditions. Tony Nordby said the contractor will continue as long as possible.

The Board took no action on the following permit since no additional information from the applicant has been received:

1. (14-065) Joe Bienek to install 127 acres field drain tile; 3/8" coefficient; 100' spacing; 7.5 VFD (1100 GPM) pump located in SW corner draining into East township road ditch; clean sediment from the east township road ditch along the SW4 and clean a stretch of the north township road ditch in SE4 SE4 of section 33, Wright Township, pending adjacent landowner signs the application for the ditch cleaning.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

2. (14-157) to Joe Honek to install a 18" centerline culvert with trap under Cty Rd #23, E2 SE4, Sec 8, Northland Township. (Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded Mr. John W Nelson)
3. (14-161) to Todd Dvorak to install a field crossing with a 36" culvert, NW corner E2 NW4, Sec 7, Tabor Township. (Motion Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded Mr. Roger Hille)
4. (14-158) to Bryan Cloutier to install a field crossing with an 18" x 40' culvert, NE4, Sec 28, Holt Township. (Motion Mr. John W Nelson, seconded Mr. Roger Hille)
5. (14-159) to Joel Osowski to replace a 15" culvert with an 18" culvert, through the township road into JD #29 Main, SW corner of field SE4, Sec 13, Fork Township. (Motion Mr. Roger Hille, seconded Mr. John W Nelson)
6. (14-164) to Ron Pape to replace a 24" culvert with an 24" culvert, between the NW4 and NE4, WD #5, Sec 10, Esther Township. (Motion Mr. Roger Hille, seconded Mr. Tom Neibauer)

A discussion was held concerning the permit application (14-162) of Peter Erickson to begin operating pumps for purposes of completing the installation of drain tile. Mr. Erickson indicated he received a permit from MNDOT to remove sediment and that the sediment block removal was completed. The Board informed Mr. Erickson that because the terms of the permit (14-002) have been met, no additional permit is warranted at this time. Peter Erickson then withdrew his permit (14-162) application.

Loren Zutz and Peter Erickson left the meeting at approximately 5:12 p.m.

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The following permits were withdrawn by the applicants:

7. (14-128) Mark Yutrzenka to install 200 acres drain tile; ¼" coefficient; 80' spacing to lift station; 7.5 HP (950 GPM) VFD pump in the southerly 120 acres of NW4 and the NW4 NE4, Section 36, Middle River Township.
8. (14-150) Dean Peterson to construct a dike along Marshall Cty Road #35, SE4, Sec 21, McCrea Township.

The following permit was Administratively approved and reviewed:

9. (14-163) to Marshall County Highway Department to replace a 72" CSP with/gate in County Ditch #44, Lateral 6, draining into the Red River, Sec 6, Oak park Strip Township.

Danny Omdahl reported the renter of the March Impoundment properties has requested his rental payment be reduced. The Board requested the rental agreement be forwarded to them, for review, and that this matter be added to the next meeting agenda.

A data practice request has been received from PO Box 467, Park Rapids, Minnesota. Jeff Hane and Danny Omdahl were directed to provide a response to the request.

It was announced that the 2014 Minnesota Association of Watershed District's Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 4-6th, 2014, in Alexandria, Minnesota, and the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2014, at the Wild Rice Watershed District, Ada, Minnesota.

A discussion was held concerning the review of employee compensation. Mr. Roger Hille and Mr. John W Nelson will meet with the District staff and report recommendations back to the Board.

The Draft Recommended Guidelines on Surface Drainage Systems prepared by the Red River Watershed Management Board was distributed and reviewed.

Ron Sorvig left the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Nick Drees distributed and reviewed the Project Coordinator Report. A copy is attached.

Danny Omdahl stated that Attorney, John Kolb, will be in attendance at the December 1, 2014, regular meeting of the Board and that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and FEMA will be holding an open house on December 2, 2014, at the Marshall County Courthouse in Warren, Minnesota, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported that Marshall County is considering hiring a Grant Writer and is inquiring if the District would be interested in partnering with them. Danny Omdahl was directed to meet with the Marshall County Commissioners and gather more information.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for December 1, 2014 and December 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

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By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

John W Nelson
Vice-President