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**APPROVED** (December 3, 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. November 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Robert Kovar, Roger Mischel and Brad Blawat were present. Joel Praska, Tony Nordby, Kyle Schlomann, Tyler Larson, Connie Kujawa, LeRoy Vonasek, Brandon Gornowicz, Tim Sedlacek, Mark McGregor, Don McGregor, Jillian Fejszes, Sheila Hoerner, Lloyd Fagerstrom, Jim Potucek, Austin Knoll, Aaron Knoll and Nathan Potucek were also present.

Motion by Mr. Roger Mischel, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the agenda be approved, as amended, with the addition of the District garage. Motion unanimously carried.

Rolland Miller joined the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Jeff Fagerstrom joined the meeting at approximately 8:36 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat, the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds, that payroll checks numbered 6273 through 6282 inclusive for a total of \$14,484.26; that checks numbered 18074 through 18101 inclusive, including ACH withdrawal and service charge for a total of \$15,300.03; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2956 through 2967 inclusive, for a total of \$64,264.81; from the RRWMB funds, check number 187 for a total of \$77,285.91; and from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 3236 through 3250 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total of \$292,882.70 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Sheila Hoerner, President of the Agassiz Audubon Board, recapped the 2018 Education and Outreach activities performed by the Agassiz Audubon. She also requested the tractor be winterized and stated some trim work remains to be done on the kiosks. Jillian Fejszes, of the FSA Office, discussed the Mid-Management Contract on the CRP lands. She stated approximately 288 acres, under the FSA contract will need to be brushed and mowed before the deadline in 2020. She reported she received two quotes ranging from \$24,480.00 to \$37,000.00 to perform the brushing and mowing. The Board directed Administrator Praska and District Technician to determine what areas could be done with the District's tractor and mower and get quotes for the areas that will need to be hired out.

Sheila Hoerner and Jillian Fejszes left the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

At the last board meeting, Tony Nordby was directed to verify the drainage area and determine what the downstream effects would be if either the 18" culvert or the 24" culvert, in the SE4 of Section 8, Comstock Township, were removed. It was determined the drainage area warrants the two culverts. A discussion, was then held on increasing the 36" culvert under County Road #36, between sections 7 and 8 of Comstock

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Township, to either a 42" or 48" culvert. After discussion, the Board felt increasing the culvert would only move the problem further downstream. There being no clear immediate remedy to the problem, the attendees were informed that a number of years ago the District formed the Swift Coulee Project Team to address the problems plaguing the Swift Coulee and a solution to this drainage issue could possibly be resolved as part of the Swift Coulee Project process.

Nathan Potucek, Jim Potucek, Aaron Knoll, Austin Knoll, Lloyd Fagerstrom, Jeff Fagerstrom, Mark McGregor, Brandon Gornowicz, Don McGregor and Tim Sedlacek left the meeting at approximately 9:35 a.m.

The following permit was Administratively approved and reviewed:

1. Permit (18-123) to MN DOT to replace bridge #6256 (3-10'x5' BXC) with (2) 12'x6' BXC; SW4, Section 20 Sinnott Township; to replace bridge #6257 (3-10'x5' BXC) with (2) 16'x5' BXC, NW4 of Section 8, Sinnott Township, and to replace bridge #8397 (10'x4' BXC, with (1) 10' x 4' BXC, NW4, Section 8, Sinnott Township.

Administrator Praska reported Houston Engineering has determined approximately 2 acres of corn were damaged as part of the Outlet Repair of Judicial Ditch #1.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Roger Mischel that the District pay Steve Nelson, \$1,260.00 for approximately 2 acres of corn that sustained damages during the Outlet Repair of Judicial Ditch #1. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Final Payment, in the amount of \$20,052.33, with Zavoral Construction on the Outlet Repair of Judicial Ditch #1. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported Pribula Engineering is in the process of soliciting bids on the Improvement of Polk County Ditch #175 Outlet and Watershed Ditch #5, with the bid opening scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the District Office.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Final Payment, in the amount of \$26,420.88, with Lunke's Inc, on the State Ditch #3 side water inlet pipe repair project. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported he received a quote, to replace the South door of the District office, from Thief River Glass, in the amount of \$2,495.00, including installation, and Argyle Building Supply provided a quote of \$600.12 for a door without glass. The board directed Administrator Praska to seek quotes, including installation, on a door with glass.

A discussion was held on the proposed new garage for the District's equipment. It was the consensus of the Board, that Administrator Praska, get plans drawn up for a 40' x 60' building, with 12' side walls.

Administrator Praska announced the 2018 Advisory meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., today, at the Bremer Bank, in Warren, MN; and the 2018 MAWD Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 29-December 1, 2018, in Alexandria, MN.

The Board reviewed the proposed MAWD resolutions that will be presented and voted on at the annual meeting.

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It was announced the Red River Watershed Board meeting will be held on November 20, 2018, at the Polk County Sheriff's Department Community Room, in Crookston, MN, at 9:30 a.m.

By consensus of the Board, Connie Kujawa, was directed to order flowers, on behalf of the District, for the funeral of Roger Omdahl, the father of Technician Danny Omdahl.

By consensus of the Board, the Watershed District office, will be closed on Thursday, November 22, 2018 and Friday, November 23, 2018, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The following meetings were announced:

December 3, 2018- Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

December 17, 2018- Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:47 a.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Roger Mischel  
Secretary