

**APPROVED (December 19, 2011)
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 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Hille. Managers Doug Sorenson, David Bakke, John W Nelson, Ben Kleinwachter, Alvin Nybladh and Marvin Hedlund were present. Nick Drees, Danny Omdahl, Connie Kujawa, Ron Adrian, Wallace Diedrich, Jim Vanyo, Edward Vanyo, Kurt Aakre, Molly McGregor, LeRoy Vonasek and Heidi Hughes were also present.

By unanimous consent, the agenda was accepted as amended with the addition of Judicial Ditch #1 and County Ditch #175 to agenda item #11 (Ditches).

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Tony Nordby joined the meeting at approximately 4:07 p.m.

There were no individuals present who addressed the Board during the open forum.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. Permit (11-142) to Kurt Aakre to install 387 acres of drain tile in the NW4 of Sec 3 and the NE4 of Section 4, with 4 gravity outlets, in Augsburg Township, contingent upon approval of the Two Rivers Watershed District. (Motion by Ben, seconded by Alvin)
2. Permit (11-150) (ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED) to Brislet Township to remove an 18" township centerline culvert between the NE4 of Sec 18 and the NW4 of Section 17, Brislet Township.
3. Permit (11-151) to James J Vanyo to install a 24" culvert with a trap instead of the 36" culvert (permit #11-145), West ditch of MN Trunk Highway #220, SE SE, Section 6, Northland Township, contingent upon MN DOT approval. (Motion by Marvin, seconded by Doug)

Kurt Aakre left the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Molly McGregor of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Monitoring Project.

Molly McGregor left the meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Nick Drees reported two data practice requests have been received and are available for those who wish to review them.

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Nick Drees reported that letters have been sent to the landowners for the right of way required to reslope the additional 2 ½ miles along Judicial Ditch #75; that cleanout of 1 mile of Judicial Ditch #25-2 has been completed and that 3 miles of Judicial Ditch #29, Lateral 1 have been cleaned.

It was the consensus of the Board, that the District survey approximately ¾ mile of Judicial Ditch #1, approximately 1 mile from the Red River, in section 17 of Higdem Township.

Roger Hille reported that the levee system along Polk County Ditch #175 is being built.

Nick Drees reported that the hearing before the Court of Appeals regarding the District lawsuit with Jim Stengrim was held and the final report could take 30 to 90 days and that plans are proceeding with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to seed native grasses on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Nick Drees reported that some remaining landowners along the Brandt/Angus coulee restoration project are in favor of signing an easement; that the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources have allocated funds for RIM projects in the Red River Valley; and that the executed Army Corps of Engineers Amended permit has been received for the Brandt/Angus Impoundment Project.

Nick Drees reported that he has contacted JOR Engineering, in response to Chuck Steer's concern that the exterior ditch of the Angus Oslo #4 project does not appear to drain. Nick Drees stated that JOR Engineering recommends to leave the ditch as is for now. It was the consensus of the Board that additional surveys be conducted on the exterior ditch.

Nick Drees reported that he has been contacted by the renter of the March Impoundment properties requesting a reduction in rent for the loss of approximately 3 acres that were flooded. It was the consensus of the Board that the renter be informed there will be no reduction in the amount of rent due.

Nick Drees reported that a Project 60 meeting is tentatively being planned for sometime in December 2011; that the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting was held on November 15, 2011, at the Red Lake Watershed District; and that the next Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2011, at the Sand Hill Watershed District, in Fertile, Minnesota.

The proposed resolutions that will be entertained at the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Association of Watershed District's were distributed.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the employee compensation for 2012 for each employee be increased by \$.50 per hour and that the District increase the health insurance contribution by \$50.00/month for both family and single polices, effective January 1, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick gave a brief report on the works of the International Water Institute.

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It was announced that the next regular meetings of the Board of Managers are scheduled for December 4, 2011 and December 19, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary