

APPROVED (November 7, 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. OCTOBER 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Hille. Managers Roger Hille, David Bakke, John W Nelson, Ben Kleinwachter and Marvin Hedlund were present. Nick Drees, Danny Omdahl, Connie Kujawa, Ron Adrian, Tony Nordby, Jim Stengrim, Chuck Steer, Kevin Johnson and Wallace Diedrich were also present.

Jim Stengrim taped the meeting with one recorder.

By unanimous consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund to clarify the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting, page 9, paragraph 2, to read Elseth instead of Stengrim, and that a footnote be added to the September 6th minutes, accordingly. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Ben Kleinwachter joined the meeting at approximately 4:07 p.m.

Nate Dalager joined the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative funds: that payroll checks numbered 5226 through 5239 inclusive for a total of \$16,921.23 and checks numbered 15129 through 15152 inclusive and including the service charge for a total of \$16,824.78; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2011 through 2027 inclusive for a total of \$205,415.95 and from the Ditch funds checks numbered 2492 through 2500 for a total of \$29,749.59 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Jim Stengrim addressed the Board during the Open Forum regarding previous minutes of the Board.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. Permit (11-127) to Kevin Johnson to install a 15" culvert with a trap, thru the Watershed Ditch #5 spoil, on the West 40 acres of the NE4, Section 14, Northland Township.
2. Permit (11-128) to Kevin Johnson to lower 4 field crossing culverts, S2 of Section 29 of Sandsville Township.

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3. Permit (11-129) to Thompson Brothers Farm to install a filed crossing with an 18" culvert on the East line, SE NE, Section 23, Esther Township.
4. Permit (11-130) to the Marshall County Highway Department to re-establish drainage in the East township road ditch, southerly to the Swift Coulee, S2 NW4 of Section 2 of Warrenton Township.
5. Permit (11-131) to Richard Kovar to unplug an 18" township centerline culvert or replace, at the same grade, station 404+35, Judicial Ditch #75, SE SW, Section 24, Sandsville Township.
6. Permit (11-132) to Brandt Township to unplug an 18" township road centerline culvert or replace, same grade, SW NW, Section 29, Brandt Township
7. Permit (11-133) to Joey McGregor to install field drain tile, W2 SW4 of Section 3 and West 20 acres of SW4, with gravity outlets, Section 2, Comstock Township.
8. Permit (11-134) to Marvin Hedlund to remove a crossing with an 18" culvert, North township road ditch, SE4, Section 7, Sandsville Township.
9. Permit (11-135) to Floyd B Johnson to remove a failed 18" culvert & replace with an 18" culvert, at the same grade, NE NE, Section 26, Oak Park Township.

Loren Zutz joined the meeting at approximately 4:31 p.m.

Kevin Johnson left the meeting at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Loren Zutz addressed the Board to discuss the District's hunting policy and Jim Stengrim voiced his opinion on the policy as well.

Correspondence from the Red River Watershed Management Board regarding the Northern Plains Railroad bridge improvement project near Oslo, Minnesota and from the Minnesota Association of Watershed District regarding the 2011 Annual Meeting was distributed.

Chuck Steer inquired if the ditch along the East side of Angus Oslo #4 could be cleaned to improve the drainage. The Board informed Chuck Steer that they would review the situation and look at ways to improve the drainage.

Chuck Steer left the meeting at approximately 5:17 p.m.

Nick Drees reported that the petition for the Improvement for Polk County Ditch #175 is on hold at the request of the Petitioner and that the District is surveying Marshall County Ditch #43 Main. Nick Drees was directed to inform the landowners along Marshall County Ditch #43 Main that the District will look into cleaning the ditch, provided funds are available.

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Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Nick Drees be authorized to hire a contractor to clean approximately 2 ½ miles of Judicial Ditch #29, Lateral 1. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that the District Engineer has completed the design work for the resloping of an additional 2 ½ miles along Judicial Ditch #75. Nick Drees was directed to proceed with contacting the landowners for right of way.

Nick Drees reported that the permits have been received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the installation of 3 low head dams on the South Branch of the Snake River; that Heidi Hughes is requesting permission to install bluebird boxes on the Richard P Nelson diversion and the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project; and that the River Watch students from Stephen and Warren are willing to present their demonstration to the Board. Nick Drees was directed to contact the River Watch students to see if they could make their presentation at the 2011 Advisory Meeting scheduled for November 17, 2011.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that Mr. Roger Hille and Mr. Marvin Hedlund sign the corrected Contract for Deed for the properties with Sonny Chruszch and Eillen Stancyk for the Brandt/Angus Impoundment. Motion unanimously carried.

Nate Dalager reported that the permit with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding mitigated lands on the Brandt/Angus Impoundment has been successfully amended, and that the Hearing on the Brandt/Angus Project is scheduled for November 7, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at the District office.

Wallace Diedrich left the meeting at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Nick Drees announced that the Red River Watershed Management Board is scheduled for October 18, 2011, in Ada, Minnesota.

Nick Drees reported that applications are available, if anyone is interested, in being a Citizen Advisor on the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group.

The next regular meetings of the Board were scheduled for November 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., and November 21, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned, by unanimous consent, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary