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**APPROVED (as corrected November 3, 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. OCTOBER 20, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers David Bakke, Roger Hille, Marvin Hedlund, Ben Kleinwachter, Tom Neibauer and Jim Jubie were present. Ron Sorvig, Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Tony Nordby, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian, Loren Zutz, Eric Johnson and Rolland Miller were also present.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. David Bakke to approve the agenda, as amended, with the addition of correspondence from the Conservation Corps added to Communications. Motion unanimously carried.

Jeff Hane joined the meeting at approximately 4:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds that payroll checks numbered 5714 through 5723 inclusive for a total of \$14,135.63; that checks numbered 16342 through 16373 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total of \$24,543.49; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2416 through 2430 inclusive, for a total of \$90,249.30; and from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 2783 through 2793 inclusive, for a total of \$74,960.04 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Loren Zutz stated that he brought a document to the District office inquiring if the District has a use agreement from the Minnesota Management and Budget to rent lands acquired with general obligation funds. He stated he received a letter from the MMB but would not share it with the Board. The Board directed Jeff Hane to research this issue.

Loren Zutz also inquired if the 18" culvert installed from Terrance Picha's Permit 14-011 in the NE4 section 13 Helgeland could be changed to a 24" and set to grade. The Board directed Loren Zutz to submit a permit application for this request.

Eric Johnson inquired if the sediment will be removed from Judicial Ditch #17. Danny Omdahl informed him that this would be taken care of when a contractor is available.

Loren Zutz left the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported:

1. That the resloping of Judicial Ditch #1 has been completed and that the seeding remains.

Manager John W Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 4:16 p.m.

Brian Murphy joined the meeting at approximately 4:17 p.m.

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2. The District has received a petition from some landowners to abandon a portion of the North half and the Southeast Quarter of Section 19 of Helgeland Township and to remove these properties from the benefitted area of Judicial Ditch #25-1. The Board directed Jeff Hane to review the petition to see if it meets the required requirements.
3. That Houston Engineering and the District staff have completed the survey of County Ditch #175. The profiles of the ditch were reviewed. A discussion was held concerning who has ownership of a 72" culvert. Danny Omdahl was directed to research this, to determine ownership, and report back to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the District staff be directed to hire a contractor to remove the sediment from County Ditch #175, beginning at Polk County Road #22 and continuing east for 2 miles. Motion unanimously carried.

Nate Dalager joined the meeting at approximately 4:47 p.m.

4. The Marshall County Highway Department has inquired if the District would consider cost sharing to replace a failed 72" culvert on Judicial Ditch #16. The Board took no action.
5. That Danny sent an example of an easement to Robert Wesolowski for the proposed works on Judicial Ditch #15, Branch B.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. Jim Jubie that the District secure a permanent easement on approximately 2.19 acres, at \$3,510 per acre and 0.67 acres at \$300 per acre of temporary easement from Robert Wesolowski and that a permanent easement of approximately 0.25 acres at \$3,510 and a temporary easement 0.078 acres at \$300 per acre, be secured from John Wesolowski for right of way on Judicial Ditch #15, Branch B. Motion unanimously carried.

Danny Omdahl reported that HDR Engineering has completed the vegetation monitoring at the Brandt/Angus Impoundment and that some erosion has occurred at the outlet and that rip rap will be installed to address the erosion issue.

Brian Murphy stated the height of 816.2' of the outlet riser pipe in the permit (14-101) of Jerry Pribula will not allow for enough slope for water to leave the sump pump.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the permit (14-101) of Jerry Pribula be amended to change the elevation of the outlet riser pipe from 816.2' to 817.0', with the District to set the elevation. Motion unanimously carried.

Brian Murphy left the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the permit application (14-140) of Eric Johnson and Dwight Peterson to (1) increase the capacity of a 24" culvert in the SW4 of section 31 Brandt Township; (2) to remove an 18" culvert in the NW corner of the NW4 of section 6 Angus Township be denied. Motion unanimously carried.

Eric Johnson was directed to submit an individual permit for each of the requests stated in the permit application (14-140) in order for the Board to address each item separately.

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The Board also directed Ron Sorvig to contact the four townships involved for input regarding the proposed permit.

The Board took no action on the following permits since no additional information from the applicants 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.
2. (14-128) to Mark Yutrzenka to install 200 acres drain tile; 1/4" 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.
3. (14-119) Robert Wesolowski to install a culvert (size TBD) under CSAH #38 between NW4 of section 5 and NE4 of section 6; NW4, Viking Township.

Eric Johnson left the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

4. (14-138) to Alvin Asp to install a crossing with a 24" culvert in the NE4 NW4 of section 14, Numedal Township, with the District to set the elevation. (Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded Mr. John W Nelson)
5. (14-139) to Daryl Capistran to build a dike adjacent to the existing dike, same elevation, in the SE4 of section 17, Wanger Township, provided the District sets the elevation as determined by the Marshall County Water Planning Office. (Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded Mr. David Bakke)
6. (14-141) to Earl Mallinger to install 222 acres drain tile to a gravity outlet in the N2 NE4 of section 15 and the SE4 of section 10, Sandsville Township, provided a gate valve is installed in the outlet and a trap is installed in the outlet pipe. (Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded Mr. Jim Jubie)
7. (14-003) to BNSF Railroad to amend the permit to install a 24" culvert in each line of 36" under the original track and to connect the new siding culverts appropriately in the NE4 NW4 of section 21, Tamarac Township. (Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded Mr. Tom Neibauer)

The following permit was Administratively approved and reviewed:

8. (14-142) to Jeff Gryskiewicz to lengthen an 18" culvert and farm yard crossing, South line of the SW4 SE4, section 21, Wanger Township.

It was announced that the 2014 Minnesota Association of Watershed District's Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Alexandria, Minnesota, and the Red

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River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2014, at Karlstad, Minnesota.

Danny Omdahl and Attorney, Jeff Hane, were directed to review and determine the rules regarding haying the grass strips on the legal drainage ditches of the District.

Nick Drees distributed and reviewed the Project Coordinator Report.

Attorney, Jeff Hane, had nothing to report on the lawsuits filed against the District.

Danny Omdahl reported that the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has \$500,000.00 of the Clean Water Fund to appropriate for 2015 field projects of the Conservation Corps of Minnesota. The deadline to submit an application is December 15, 2014.

Danny Omdahl was directed to contact the Agassiz Audubon Board of Supervisors to schedule a meeting.

Manager Jim Jubie left the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported that Deborah Rynda has accepted the Engineering Technician position, with a yearly salary of \$36,000.00 plus benefits and employment is to begin November 3, 2014.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for November 3, 2014 and November 17, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office, and the 2014 Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for November 17, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., at the Bremer Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Marvin Hedlund  
Secretary

## **Project Coordinator Report**

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### **RRWMB –**

1. Next meeting Tuesday at Karlstad 9:30, tour of Klondike Clean Water Retention Project No. 11 to follow the meeting.
2. Flood Damage Reduction Group meeting Wednesday at Thief River Falls. I need to present the request for an Acceleration Grant for soil borings on Como WRP. And to be in discussion on how funds will be divided up amongst districts for Project Work Team expenses.

### **Lands –**

1. Crops have been harvested.

### **Oslo Access –**

2. MnDot and Houston Engineering still have not gotten me an agreement.

### **WRAPS –**

1. Lower Red River (Tamarac River) – Nothing new
2. Grand Marais Coulee and Snake River – met with RESPEC and MPCA to discuss modeling and how that information can be used by the District (hopefully the MPCA can be convinced that Clean Water Legacy funds should be used on flood retention projects)

### **Project Work Teams –**

1. Tamarac River – October 23<sup>rd</sup> Project Work team meeting in Strandquist.
2. Others – JD #14/Lilac Ridge – not scheduled as yet

### **Projects –**