

**APPROVED (as corrected October 17, 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 3, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Hille. Managers Roger Hille, Doug Sorenson, David Bakke, John W Nelson, Ben Kleinwachter and Marvin Hedlund were present. Nick Drees, Danny Omdahl, Connie Kujawa, Ron Adrian, and Jim Stengrim were also present.

Jim Stengrim taped the meeting with one recorder.

The Agenda was amended to add Employee Award to agenda item (13) Administrator.

Wallace Diedrich joined the meeting at approximately 4:03 p.m.

Manager Alvin Nybladh joined the meeting at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Luther Anderson and Lon Johnson joined the meeting at approximately 4:07 p.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1. Permit (11-114) to Luther Anderson to install a culvert Sections 4 & 5 Eagle Point Township.
2. Permit (11-120) to Ben Kleinwachter to lower culverts (Sec 29./32) and (Sec 30/29), Lincoln Township. (Manager Kleinwachter abstained)
3. Permit (11-122) to Tracy Anderson to replace (2) culverts Section 9 McCrea Twp.
4. Permit (11-123) to the Marshall County Highway Department to replace the bridge over the Middle River on Marshall County Road #39, NW4 of Section 3 Foldahl Township.
5. Permit (11-124) to Dale Price to install drain tile Section 7 Wanger Township.
6. Permit (11-125) to Cecil Deschene to install drain tile Section 5 Warrenton Township.

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7. Permit (11-126) to Joe Pierce to install a field crossing Section 5 McCrea (Strip) Township.

Jerry and Patrice Pribula joined the meeting at approximately 4:37 p.m.

Nick Drees reported that the Petition for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch #175 appears to be sufficient and that the next steps would be for the Board to accept the Petition, set a bond and appoint an Engineer.

Jerry Pribula spoke on behalf of the Petition.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following resolution be adopted:

**ORDER ACCEPTING THE PETITION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT  
TO POLK COUNTY DITCH #175**

WHEREAS, the Petition for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch #175 has been filed with the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the Petition appears to be adequate and sufficient and that the proposed improvement is for the public interest and welfare and is practicable and in conformity with the Overall Plan of the Watershed District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MIDDLE SNAKE TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT THAT the Board accept the petition, set the bond and appoint an Engineer. Motion unanimously carried.

**ORDER SETTING THE BOND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT  
TO POLK COUNTY DITCH #175**

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, on October 3, 2011, have accepted the Petition for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch #175.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MIDDLE SNAKE TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT THAT the bond for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch #175 be set at \$40,000.00. Motion unanimously carried.

It was the consensus of the Board that the District Engineer, Ronald J Adrian, do a cursory review of the Petition for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch #175 before an Engineer is appointed for the proceedings.

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Nick Drees reported that the executed Grant Agreement Extension for the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project has been received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Heidi Hughes, of the Agassiz Audubon Sanctuary, updated the Board on the Agassiz Audubon and inquired as to receiving cost share funding from the District on monitoring equipment and publishing costs on a bird watching brochure. The Board directed Heidi Hughes to get costs for printing and report back to the Board.

Nick Drees reported that the District has received verbal permission from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that the permits to install the (3) low head dams on the South Branch of the Snake River would be approved. Mr. Drees was authorized to solicit quotations for the work.

Nick Drees updated the Board on Brandt / Angus landowner agreements, Army Corps of Engineer's permit reapplication, and efforts to have the Red River Management Board change the local cost share to two thirds – one third.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the President and Secretary execute the Quit Claim Deeds with Albert Chruszch and Eileen Stancyk on the Brandt/Angus properties. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees announced that the next meeting of the Red River Watershed Management Board is scheduled for October 18, 2011, at the Sand Hill Watershed District, in Fertile, Minnesota, at 9:30 a.m.

Nick Drees was directed to make arrangements with the River Watch students to present a presentation for the Board of Managers to view their works and studies.

Correspondence from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources concerning the 2011 BWSR Academy was distributed.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow District Staff to attend the 2011 BWSR Academy.

Nick Drees reported that the Minnesota Association of Watershed District is seeking applications for an Employee of the Year Award, and informed the Board that any Manager could fill out the application, if they so desired.

Danny Omdahl gave a brief report on the Water Carnival held at the Warren Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Marvin Hedlund  
Secretary