

APPROVED
(as corrected October 3, 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. SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Hille. Managers Doug Sorenson, Roger Hille, David Bakke, John W Nelson, Ben Kleinwachter and Marvin Hedlund were present. Manager Alvin Nybladh was not present. Nick Drees, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian, Mark McGregor, Wallace Diedrich and Randy Knott were also present.

Wallace Diedrich taped the meeting with one recorder.

By unanimous consent the Board appointed Connie Kujawa the recording secretary for purposes of keeping the minutes of the meeting and all ensuing regular meetings.

Nick Drees requested to add Additional Ditches, to agenda item (13) Ditches.

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative funds: that payroll checks numbered 5212 through 5225 inclusive for a total of \$16,267.48 and checks numbered 15093 through 15128 inclusive and including the service charge for a total of \$35,054.69; from the Project funds that checks numbered 1999 through 2010 inclusive for a total of \$130,536.45 and from the Ditch funds checks numbered 2487 through 2491 for a total of \$12,384.40 be paid.. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no individuals present who wished to address the Board during the Open Forum.

Luther Anderson joined the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the following permit be tabled pending further survey works and for the District staff to research data on an un-permitted culvert installed thru a Lincoln Township road at section corner 31/32 & 6/5, Lincoln Township;

1. Permit (11-120) of Ben Kleinwachter to lower a 30" township road centerline culvert on a coulee, in the NW4 of Section 32 of Lincoln Township and to lower a township road centerline culvert in the SW4 of section 29 of Lincoln Township.

Motion carried, with Mr. Ben Kleinwachter abstaining.

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Heidi Hughes joined the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the Board addressed permit (11-114).

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the following permit be tabled until the affected parties sign a new permit request for the installation of a 36" culvert instead of a 30" culvert as requested:

2. Permit (11-114) of Luther Anderson to install a 30" culvert with a trap adjacent to and 1' lower than the 18" RCP centerline culvert and install a trap on the existing 18" culvert, on Marshall County Road #148, in the SW SW of section 4 of Eagle Point Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following permit be denied since no additional information was received from the applicant;

3. Permit (11-086) of Cecil Deschene to renew (Permit 06-071) to install 40 acres of 4" drain tile with a gravity outlet into Marshall County Ditch #3, in the SE NE of Section 5 of Warrenton Township and to install 50 acres of 4" drain tile with a gravity outlet in the N2 of Section 33 of Middle River Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the following permit be denied since no additional information was received from the applicant;

4. Permit (11-111) of Dvorak Brothers to install a filed crossing with a 36" culvert in the South township road, in the NE NW of Section 7 of Tabor Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following permit be issued;

5. Permit (11-115) to Boen Farm to install a field crossing with an 18" culvert, in the west township road ditch, in the SE NE of Section 13 of Nelson Park Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the following permit be issued:

6. Permit (11-116) to the Marshall County Highway Department to remove a 44" x 72" culvert and install a 47" x 71" culvert in the SE SW of Section 34 of Vega Township; to remove a 40" x 65" culvert and install a 43" x 64" culvert in the SE SW of Section 35 of Vega Township and to remove a 40" x 65" culvert and install a 43" x 64" culvert in the SE SW of Section 36 of Vega Township.

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Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following permit be issued:

7. Permit (11-117) to Maynard Gulbranson to raise the field elevation between the farmstead ring dike and the spoil of Watershed Ditch #6, approximately 135', in the NE NE of Section 22 of Esther Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following permit be issued:

8. Permit (11-118) to Warrenton Township to remove a township road crossing and culvert, in the West US Highway #75 road ditch, in the SW SW of Section 25 of Warrenton Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Marvin Hedlund that the following permit be issued:

9. Permit (11-119) to Jerome Potucek to construct a field ditch southwesterly along a natural field drain in the SW NW of Section 5 of Comstock Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

By unanimous consent, the Administratively Approved Permit (11-120) was approved to Mike Beaudry to remove a 24" field drain culvert and trap and install a 24" field drain culvert with a trap, at the same location and same elevation, in the NW NW of Section 19 of Sandsville Township.

Correspondence from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to Jim Stengrim concerning his request for an Informal Resolution of Disputes and the News of Views of the Red River Watershed Management Board were distributed.

Nick Drees reported that the Petition for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch #175, has signatures of 38% of the landowners along the ditch and the remaining signatures are of individuals apparently in support of the Improvement proceedings.

Motion by Mr. Marvin Hedlund, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson, to accept the Petition for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch #175, provided the Petition meets the requirements as defined by Statute; contingent upon the District receiving a bond; and that the bond be set at \$40,000.00.

After discussion, Mr. John W Nelson rescinded his second to the motion, the original motion then died for lack of a second.

By unanimous consent, the Board directed the Petition for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch #175 be forwarded to the District's legal counsel for review.

Nick Drees reported that the District has received a request from some of the landowners along the main branch of Polk County Ditch #43 inquiring if portions of the

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ditch could be resloped. The Board directed the Watershed Staff to conduct a survey of the main branch of Polk County Ditch #43 to determine the areas that are in need of resloping and an estimate of cost.

Nick Drees reported that the survey of Judicial Ditch #16 has been completed and is in the process of securing a contractor to clean the ditch where it is needed; that there is approximately 1 mile of Judicial Ditch #1 remaining to be surveyed; and that the survey has been completed on Judicial Ditch #75 but he does not have an estimate of the costs to reslope, as of yet.

A discussion was held concerning the application of the Northern Plains Railroad to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a Tiger Grant to enlarge the opening of railroad bridge in Oslo, Minnesota.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the District supports the Northern Plains Railroads/Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Application which will provide improved hydraulic capacity of the Red River in Oslo, Minnesota. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. John W Nelson left the meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that Nick Drees be authorized to sign the Grant Extension with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that the permits required for the Texas crossings, along the South Branch of the Snake River, have been forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and to other required agencies.

Heidi Hughes updated the Board on the number of groups and individuals who are utilizing the benefits of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project and that the groups commended the District for the Project. She also suggested other ways the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project could be utilized to enhance the benefits it provides. She also reported that the Audubon Sanctuary would like to conduct a controlled burn, in the Spring of 2012, on their CRP lands, in the SW4 of Section 18 of Helgeland Township.

Heidi Hughes was informed the District would require that there be provisions in place before a controlled burn could take place.

Heidi Hughes left the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Nick Drees stated that Philip and Luther Omdahl are requesting approval to plant native trees on the land they have in CRP contracts with the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. It was the consensus of the Board that the District would work with Luther and Philip Omdahl regarding the planting of native grasses and trees.

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Nick Drees reported that he has been contacted by Loren Zutz requesting the gate at the Off Channel Storage Site be widened to accommodate farm equipment.

Nick Drees was directed to determine what size gate would be necessary to accommodate farm equipment at the Off Channel Storage Site.

Nick Drees announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., at the Red Lake Watershed District in Thief River Falls.

Nick Drees reported that the District has received some of the signed agreements from the landowners along the Brandt/Angus channels; that the WRP agreements have been signed with Eileen Stancyk and Sonny Chruszch for signatures and that the Memorandum's of Cancellation of Contract for Deed with Eileen Stancyk and Sonny Chruszch are ready for signing.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson to ratify the Memorandum's of Cancellation of Contract for Deeds with Eileen Stancyk and Sonny Chruszch. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that all the permits required for the Brandt/Angus Project have been received; however, there is a question on the amount of acres being offered for wetland mitigation, on the Corps permit. The Board directed HDR Engineering to reapply to the Corp with a smaller of acres for wetland mitigation.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a hearing on the Brandt/Angus Project as soon as possible or as the time schedule permits by Statute.

The Field Drain Tile Installation Permit checklist was reviewed and is to be attached to all permit applications and completed by the landowner on all requests to install drain tile.

A discussion was held concerning the hunting policy of the District.

By consensus of the Board, the 2011 Advisory committee meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the 2011 Personnel Policy be adopted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that he gave a presentation at the Red River Retention Authority meeting held in West Fargo.

Mr. Roger Hille emphasized that hunters will need to register with the District office to ensure the safety of other individuals who are utilizing the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management for other interests.

Mr. Roger Hille announced the next regular meetings, of the Board, are scheduled for October 3, 2011 and October 17, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

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By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 p.m.

Connie Kujawa
Recording Secretary

Marvin Hedlund
Secretary