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**APPROVED** (October 15, 2018)  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT  
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN  
8:30 A.M. September 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President John W Nelson. Managers John W Nelson, Bill Petersen, Brad Blawat and Robert Kovar were present. Manager Roger Mischel was not present. Joel Praska, Tony Nordby, Kyle Schlomann, Tyler Larson, Connie Kujawa, Jeremy Misselhorn, Kevin Johnson and Rolland Miller were also present.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the agenda be approved, as amended with the addition of MAWD. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Robert Kovar that the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Nelson, distributed the Manager Oath to Mr. Brad Blawat. Mr. Blawat reviewed and signed the Oath and it was notarized by Administrative Assistant, Connie Kujawa.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat, the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds, that payroll checks numbered 6251 through 6261 inclusive for a total of \$14,618.22; that checks numbered 18006 through 18041 inclusive, including ACH withdrawal and service charge for a total of \$17,270.51; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2935 through 2944 inclusive, for a total of \$35,954.47; and from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 3221 through 3229 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total of \$76,095.28 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Kevin Johnson addressed the Board to discuss the drainage issue in the SE4 of Section 29, Sandsville Township. He stated the water that comes from the East inundates the SE4 and inquired if the township ditches going west and north could be regraded and the culvert sizes be increased. The Board informed Mr. Johnson that he will need to discuss this with the township and the landowners.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

1) Permit (18-105) to Kevin Johnson to install (3) 18" field drain culverts with flapgates in open swales, outletting to North ditch of 170<sup>th</sup> St NW, W2 SE4, Section 29, Sandsville Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Brad Blawat).

Kevin Johnson left the meeting at approximately 8:53 a.m.

2) Permit (18-108) to Eric Johnson to install 30 acres drain tile; 1 HP (177 GPM) pump; 3/8" coefficient; 20' & 40' spacing; outletting into North ditch of 240<sup>th</sup> St NW, SE4, Section 23, Warrenton Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

Doug Schindele joined the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

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Jeremy Misselhorn left the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

A discussion was held with Doug Schindele regarding the permit request of Augsburg Township to remove a 24" centerline culvert on the line common to Section 36, Sinnott Township and the NW4 of Section 31 of Augsburg Township and to re-install it in the SW4 of Section 31 of Augsburg Township. Mr. Schindele stated relocating the 24" culvert to the SW4 of Section 31, Augsburg Township, may alleviate some drainage issues, however, if the East ditch, in the NW4 of Section 31 of Augsburg Township is not regraded and the 24" culvert is removed the water will have no place to go. District staff informed the Board that earlier in the year Augsburg Township had removed the 24" culvert, which was unpermitted and Augsburg Township was notified the culvert had to be put back in, which the township did, however, it is unfunctional.

The following permit was tabled for further information regarding downstream drainage along CR#5 in Sinnott Township to the coulee in section 35 Sinnott and the Board requested Augsburg Township Officials be notified to attend a board meeting:

3) Permit (18-110) Augsburg Township to remove a 24" centerline culvert, on the line common to Section 36, Sinnott Township and NW4 of Section 31, Augsburg Township and reinstall it in the North CSAH #5 ditch in the SW4, Section 31, Augsburg Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

Doug Schindele left the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following permits were unanimously approved:

4) Permit (18-069) to Jarod Peterson & Dwight Peterson to install 760 acres drain tile;(2) 10 HP (3,500 GPM) VFD pumps; ¼" coefficient; 50' & 100' spacing; outletting into North Township ditch, Section 15 & 14, Brislet Township, contingent upon Polk County accepting the lands into the benefited area of PC #42. (Polk County has scheduled a hearing, for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, on the petition to include the lands into the benefited area of PCD #42.) The Board also stressed that the District staff inform the applicants that no dirt work can take place until Polk County makes a ruling on the Petition. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

5) Permit (18-100) to Hvidsten Farms to install an 18" culvert in a field crossing, East line of SE4 SE4, Section 13, Tamarac Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

6) Permit (18-101) to Hvidsten Farms to install a crossing with an 18" culvert, East line of the NE4 NE4, Section 13, Tamarac Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

7) Permit (18-102) to Robert Mager to lower the North end of an 18" field drain culvert, South ½ mile line, Section 17, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar)

8) Permit (18-103) to Jay Johnston to remove a 21" RCP and install an 18" CSP with flap gate, in a field approach, NW4 SW4, Section 28, Angus Township, contingent approval is received from Angus Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

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9) Permit (18-104) to Jon Rudnik to install field crossing with a 36" culvert, SW4, Section 20, Helgeland Township. (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen).

Nate Dalager joined the meeting at approximately 9:50 a.m.

10) Permit (18-106) to Lawrence Veralrud to lower the 18" centerline culvert ~ 1.4 feet, provided permission is received from the township (no work is to be performed until township approves) and to DENY the cleaning and regrading of the East ditch of 260<sup>th</sup> St NW and the North ditch of 480<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, S2 SW4, Section 10, Oak Park Township. (Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

11) Permit (18-107) to Marshall County Highway Dept to repair a washout at the outlet end of CD #44, Lateral 2 and install an 83" CSPA, NW4, Section 17, Oak Park Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat, seconded Mr. Robert Kovar).

12) Permit (18-109) to Kenneth Dagoberg to replace an 18" field crossing culvert with flapgate with a 24" culvert with flap gate, same elevation, NW4, Section 7, Vega Township. (Motion by Mr. Brad Blawat to replace the 18" culvert with an 18" culvert, motion died for lack of second). (Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded Mr. Bill Petersen to replace the 18" culvert with a 24" culvert, Motion carried, with Mr. Brad Blawat voting nay).

The following permits were Administratively Approved and reviewed:

13) Permit (18-098) to Jim Potucek to renew permit (07-038) to remove a field crossing on East side of Melgard Coulee and re-install on West side of CSAH #6, with a 24" culvert, SE4, Section 18 Comstock Township.

14) Permit (18-099) to John Johnston to remove a 24" CSP and install a 24" CSP, same location and grade, W2 SW4 SW4, section line 13/24, Helgeland Township.

Administrator Praska reported two quotes for the repair of State Ditch #3 were received and publicly opened on September 6, 2018. The quotes received were, Huffy's Excavation \$69,931.00 and Lunke's Inc \$54,851.60. Administrator Praska stated he accepted the quote of Lunke's Inc, in the amount of \$54,851.60 and the required Certificates of Insurance have been received. He also reported the Contract with Lunke's Inc will be executed this week with the Notice to Proceed to follow.

Tony Nordby reported Zavoral Construction has completed the South bank spoil repair on the outlet repair of Judicial Ditch #1 and are beginning the work on the North bank, in sections 17 and 20 of Higdem Township.

Administrator Praska reported he contacted the landowner who may have some crop damage due to the works being performed on the repair of the outlet of Judicial Ditch #1. He stated the landowner has agreed to accept \$600.00 per acre. The amount of damages, to be paid to the landowner, will be determined when the works are completed on Judicial Ditch #1.

Administrator Praska also reported Polk County is not claiming responsibility for the out of repair culverts in the west and east ditches of County Road #22, in the SE4 of Section 17 and the NE4 of Section 29 Higdem Township.

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Administrator Praska reported that there has been no progress in getting approval from the landowner to repair the sloughing occurring on the East slope of Polk County Ditch #43, Lateral 1, in Section 8 of Angus Township. Manager, Mr. Robert Kovar, stated he will contact the landowner again, to discuss this matter.

Technician, Danny Omdahl, informed the Board of the erosion and sluffing that is occurring on the west and north line of Polk County Ditch #43 in Section 8 Angus. He reported that looking West on Polk County Ditch #43, Lateral 1, an area on the West slope for ~105' wide has eroded; on Polk County Ditch #43 Main, ~1,560' East of the center of Section 8, Angus Township, there is a sluff on the North slope ~ 80' long; and on Polk County Ditch #43 Main, ~400' West of 310<sup>th</sup> Ave NW there is a sluff ~65' long and ~5' into the field, in Section 8, Angus Township.

Technician Omdahl reported that another approximate 200' of sediment removal occurred on Judicial Ditch #15, Branch A, and that a beaver dam was removed at approximate Station 126+24, south of section line 19/30 of New Solem Township. He stated that water has significantly been drawn down in Branch A. He inquired if a drone could be utilized to check for beaver dams from sta 120+38 to 174+17, on Branch A. It was the consensus of the Board that Technician Omdahl line up a drone, provided the District does not sustain any liability issues and the cost of the drone would not exceed \$100.00.

Technician Omdahl reported the contractor hired to remove sediment and remove tree stumps on the upstream ~ ½ mile of Judicial Ditch #21, in the NE4 SE4 of Section 3 removed the sediment, however did not remove the stumps. He said the contractor will be contacted for the stumps to be removed and spoil to be leveled. Omdahl also reported he surveyed the upper 1.5 miles of Judicial Ditch 21 Lateral 1 and it is in need of sediment removal. The upper 2,200' has an abundance of drown trees in the ditch bottom.

Tony Nordby reported that he, Administrator Praska, and Technician Omdahl met with George and Blake Owens to discuss possible solutions to prevent waters from overtopping the Angus Oslo #4 exterior bypass ditch levee in the SW4 NW4 of Section 9, Brandt Township. Danny Omdahl stated he surveyed the area where the Owens would like the levee raised. Engineer Nordby will review the survey and present some options at the next board meeting.

Danny Omdahl also reported he surveyed the spoilbank and spoilbank trail of Judicial Ditch 25-2 which was lowered and then graveled by Helgeland Twp Supervisors in Section 36 Helgeland Twp. He and Joel Praska contacted the Helgeland Township Supervisors requesting of them to blade the dirt back onto the trail. Any additional raising of the trail side will be based upon the survey.

At the last board meeting, the Board directed HDR Engineering, to determine what effects increasing or adding a culvert in the NE corner of the Brandt/Angus Impoundment would have on the Impoundment. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, reported they reviewed the hydraulics and he presented three options. These are: 1) to regrade the inlet ditch at a cost of approximately \$7,400; 2) install a 48" x 110' CS pipe at an approximate cost of \$13,250; and 3) regrade the inlet ditch and install the 48" x 110' CS pipe at an approximate cost of \$29,650.

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Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Bill Petersen that the District proceed with option (1) to regrade the Brandt/Angus Impoundment inlet ditch, to a .17% grade, at an approximate cost of \$7,400. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Praska reported he received the following prices to replace (6) flapgates in the vicinity of the Brandt/Angus Impoundment.

MDI Steel Adjustable Flap Gates		Waterman Cast Iron F-10 Flap Gates	
(5) 18" @ \$355.00	\$1,675.00	(5) 18" @ \$880.00	\$4,400.00
(1) 24" @ \$390.00	390.00	(1) 24" @ \$1,340.00	1,340.00
Install 6 @\$250.00	1,500.00	Install 6 @\$250.00	1,500.00
Total:	\$3,565.00	Total:	\$7,240.00

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that Administrator Praska be authorized to purchase (6) steel adjustable flap gates to replace 3 -18" flap gates in Section 25; 1-18" in Section 15; 1-18" in Section 29 and 1-24" in Section 29, all in Brandt Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Nordby reported he submitted Concurrent Point #1 to the Army Corps of Engineers and has begun the modeling of the Swift Coulee/MCD #3 Watershed Plan.

Administrator Praska reported the mower hired by the District inadvertently mowed some of the ditch hayland at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project and an aerial applicator had sprayed hay ground on the west edge of OCSS. storage that damaged a portion of the hay ground. Administrator Praska informed the Board that both properties are being rented by Travis Nelson and the amount of hayland damaged will be deducted from the November rental payment of Travis Nelson.

Administrator Praska stated Ryan Fenning has inquired about developing additional lands into hayland at the OCSS. Administrator Praska reported he contacted the NRCS to see if they had any objections, which they do not. The Board stated the additional lands will need to be put out on bids in the Spring of 2019.

Administrator Praska reported a farmer is interested in renting the grain bin, located at the Ridge Farm, at the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Motion by Mr. Robert Kovar, seconded by Mr. Brad Blawat that Wayne Torgerson be granted permission to rent the grain bin at the Ridge Farm, for \$200.00, for the 2018 year, provided he performs the necessary repairs, provides a certificate of liability insurance to the District and the District assumes no liability. Motion unanimously carried.

The 2019 MAWD Resolution of the Rice Creek Watershed District was distributed and reviewed.

It was the consensus of the Board, that District staff, present the District Manager plaque, to retired Manager, David Bakke, when he can make it to the District Office.

The Board reviewed the Committee Appointments, presently held by the Managers, and made the following changes, effective September 17, 2018:

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<b>Committee</b>	<b>Currently</b>	<b>Effective (09/17/2018)</b>
Middle River/Newfolden PT	David Bakke	Brad Blawat
JD #19 PWT	David Bakke	Brad Blawat
Agassiz Audubon	Brad Blawat	John W Nelson

The Board also removed, Eric Johnson, as the alternate to the Swift Coulee PWT.

Administrator Praska informed the Board the 2018 MAWD Annual Conference is scheduled for November 29-December 1, 2018, at the Arrowwood Resort, in Alexandria, Minnesota.

It was announced the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting will be held September 18, 2018, at the Wild Rice Watershed District, in Ada, Minnesota.

The following meetings were announced:

- October 1, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
- October 15, 2018-Regular Meeting, 8:30 a.m., District Office
- October 24, 2018-CD #175 Public Hearing, 9:00 a.m., Bremer Bank

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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Brad Blawat  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer