

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
3:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Osowski. Managers Jim Johnson, Richard Kuzel, and Ron Osowski were present. Managers Jerome Potucek and Doug Sorenson were not present.

Motion by Mr. Richard Kuzel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Earl McGregor discussed with the Board some of the drainage in the vicinity of County Road #66 in the vicinity of the sections 30 and 31 of Farley Township. He stated that the agreement he had with the County was that the gate on the culvert underneath the township roadway, in the vicinity of the southwest corner of section 30 was to be put on the south end. He stated that this is the location it was installed, and the County has since moved the gate to the north end.

Mr. Adrian reported that he advised the County that in the absence of the permit request explicitly stating where the gate was to be installed, that the permit issued by the Board would be for the location the gate was previously. He reported that he advised the County of this, and the Polk County Highway Department moved the gate from the south end to the north end of the culvert.

Earl McGregor was advised that he should work with the Polk County Highway Department to try and resolve the issue.

Merle Stinar, John Rehder, Russ Steer, Ted Dvorak, John Slusar, and two others joined the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Earl McGregor also discussed the drainage issue in West Valley Township, in the vicinity of the southwest quarter of section 32. He stated that the individual that cleaned the ditch along the south side of section 32, lowered the culvert without a permit.

Mr. Adrian reported that the individual has been contacted by the office, but he is not sure of the circumstances surrounding the work. It was agreed that Blake Sobolik would contact Nick Drees to find out what the issues are surrounding the work.

Russ Steer discussed with the Board concerns with the capacity of the coulee downstream of the Angus Oslo Site #1. He stated that there appears to be problems in sections 20, 29, 28, 27 and 22, all in Brandt Township.

It was agreed that the District would inspect the coulee and determine what can be done to resolve some of these issues.

Russ Steer left the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

John Rehder, Leroy Ferencik, Ted Dvorak, Merle Stinar, John Slusar, Joey McGregor and Earl McGregor discussed with the Board the drainage in the vicinity of the southwest corner of section 20 of Farley Township. They requested that the District review the culvert sizing at this location, and requested that the culvert size under County State Aid Highway #69 be reviewed to determine whether or not the culvert size could be increased in the ditch along the west side of section 20 and the northwest quarter of section 29 be reviewed to determine whether or not the culvert can be lowered. They suggested that it appears the culvert can be lowered on the order of about 9/10's a foot, and the culvert size be increased from a 36" to a 48" culvert.

Mr. Adrian was directed to review this and report back to the Board.

John Rehder, Leroy Ferencik, Ted Dvorak, Merle Stinar, John Slusar and Earl McGregor and Joey McGregor left the meeting at approximately 5:05 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ron Osowski, that the minutes of the October 21, 2002 meeting be accepted as corrected and that the minutes of the November 1, 2002 meeting be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Richard Kuzel, seconded by Mr. Ron Osowski that the treasurers report be accepted as presented and that checks numbered 11397 through 11454 inclusive and the bank service charge, for a total of \$826,882.50 be paid from the administrative funds; that checks numbered 2834 through 2845, including the bank service charge, for a total of \$230.07 be paid from the petty cash funds; and that checks numbered 1958 through 1966 inclusive for a total of \$24,031.79 be paid from the ditch funds. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed from the Board of Soil and Water Resources concerning flood recovery RIM reserve signup; from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture concerning the disaster assistance; from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concerning a white paper on developing high resolution digital elevation model; from the Northwest Regional Development Commission concerning letters of support for the flood recovery grant assistance program; from the Red River Basin Commission concerning letters of support for the CREP program; and from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety concerning the sub-grant agreements.

Mr. Adrian reported that no agreement has been received for the repair of flood damages from FEMA, for the 2002 disaster declaration.

Mr. Adrian reported that most of the material that has been left at the building site in section 18 of Brandt Township has been removed and disposed of. He reported that the disposal of the buildings would be done as soon as possible.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Richard Kuzel that Mr. Adrian be authorized to purchase for the District a upgrade for ArcView and the ArcView Extension Spatial Analyst, with an estimated cost of approximately \$2,600. Motion carried.

A discussion was concerning the properties in section 11 and 14 of Sandsville Township being rented by Joe Bienek.

Motion by Mr. Richard Kuzel, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson that the lease to Joe Bienek be terminated immediately because of his failure to control erosion on the property. Mr. Adrian was directed to draft a letter to Joe Bienek stating this. Motion carried.

Rick St. Germain joined the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ron Osowski that Mr. Adrian be authorized to enter into the agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for additional soil borings requested, in the vicinity of the inlet to the diversion structure. Motion carried.

It was reported that the summary judgment motion concerning the Angus Oslo #4 project has been denied, and that it appears that this will be re-scheduled for trial sometime in March of 2003.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ron Osowski that the following permits be issued:

- 1) Permit (02-53)-to the Minnesota Department of Transportation to install riprap and sheet piling structure to drain waters from Trunk Highway #220 to the Snake River, as outlined in the permit application dated October 7, 2002;
- 2) Permit (02-54)-to Gary Donarski and Others to remove sediment and to lower the culverts in the south County State Highway #28 road ditch, east of Judicial Ditch #15, on the north line of section 12 of Marsh Grove Township, the north line of the northwest quarter of section 7, and the westerly 700' of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 7 of Newfolden Township, and to remove sediment from the east township road ditch along the west side of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 7 of Newfolden Township;
- 3) Permit (02-55)-to Anthony Pulkrabek to install a 15" diameter field inlet culvert with a trap on the south end to drain waters from section 20 of Angus Township into Polk County Ditch #44;

- 4) Permit (02-56)-to John Dyrdal to lower the culvert draining waters from the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 22 of Norden Township into Branch E of Judicial Ditch #15;

Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual convention.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 16, 2002, at 3:30 p.m., at the District Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Richard Kuzel
Secretary