

**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. MARCH 17, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Osowski. Managers Jerome Potucek, Carl Green, Ron Osowski, Jim Johnson, and Doug Sorenson were present. Manager Richard Kuzel and Alvin Nybladh were not present. Blake Sobolik, Ron Adrian and Dick Nelson were also present.

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

Motion by Mr. Jerome Potucek, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson that the secretaries report of the February 24, 2003, meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Dick Nelson discussed with the Board the Snake River PL-566 project, and the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project.

A discussion was held concerning the payment of taxes on the properties acquired by the District for the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project and the Snake River PL-566 project. Mr. Adrian was directed to determine the amount of taxes paid on the properties for the County taxes and the Township taxes for the tax year 2002.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson, that Mr. Adrian be directed to prepare a revised estimated cost for both the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project and the Snake River PL-566 project, along with an estimated time table for implementation. Motion carried.

Dick Nelson left the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carl Green that the treasurers report be accepted as presented and that checks numbered 11594 through 11611 inclusive for a total of \$70,240.00 be paid from the administrative funds, that checks numbered 2870 through 2878 inclusive including the service charge for a total of \$301.24 be paid from the petty cash funds; and that check number 1980 for a total of \$569.68 be paid from the ditch funds. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed from Rinke Noonan concerning the upcoming Drainage Conference; from the Department of the Army concerning the Preliminary Restoration Plan for the Grand Marias River; from the Minnesota Viewers Association concerning the request for annual dues and upcoming meeting; from the Red River Basin concerning the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program; from the River Watch Program concerning the forum for the public schools within the District; from Thompson Insurance concerning the renewal of the Districts insurance coverage; from the National Watershed

Coalition concerning federal funding for water projects; and from the Polk County Highway Department concerning County State Aid Highway #66.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jerome Potucek that the District pay the Minnesota Viewers Association the amount of \$125 for the current years dues. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project specifically with regards to the areas to be established to prairie grass.

Mr. Adrian was directed to set up a meeting with John Williams, Brian Dwight, Jim Johnson, Ron Osowski, Doug Sorenson and the Engineer for the District about this issue.

Carl Green left the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the rental of lands acquired for the Snake River PL-566 project.

Motion by Mr. Jerome Potucek, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the District offer to the adjoining land owners the lands acquired by the District for the Snake River PL-566 project an annual rental rate of \$45 per acre for those in small parcels and for \$65 per acre for those in continuous tracts. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that Mr. Adrian be authorized to purchase a computer and software for the District. Motion carried.

The next meeting was set for 3:30 p.m., April 21, 2003 at the District Office.

Ronald Adrian
Acting Secretary

Doug Sorenson
Assistant Sec-Trea