

**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. APRIL 21, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Osowski. Managers Jim Johnson, Jerome Potucek, Doug Sorenson, Arlyn Stroble, Carl Green, and Ron Osowski were present. Manager Alvin Nybladh was not present. Blake Sobolik, Ron Adrian, PJ Schiller and Leon Schiller were also present.

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

PJ Schiller and Leon Schiller discussed with the Board the condition of State Ditch #3 in the vicinity of their building site, in section 1 of Bloomer Township. They stated that the condition of the bank has become such that it is endangering their buildings, and they requested that the permits and whatever actions may be necessary to pursue works to stabilize the banks or move the river channel over be done as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the District would start the permit process as soon as possible.

PJ Schiller and Leon Schiller left the meeting the approximately 4:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. Jerome Potucek that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 17, 2003, be accepted as corrected and the special meeting held on March 24, 2003 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the officers for the Board.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carl Green that Mr. Doug Sorenson title be changed to that of Secretary, and that Arlyn Stroble be elected to the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer position. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Carl Green, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the treasurers report be accepted as presented and that checks numbered 11612 through 11654 inclusive for a total of \$31,019.40 be paid from the administrative funds; that checks numbered 2879 through 2895 inclusive for a total of \$396.74 including the service charge be paid from the petty cash funds; and that checks numbered 1981 through 1983 inclusive for a total of \$2,590.00 be paid from the ditch funds. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed from Myron Jesme concerning his resignation as an employee of the District; from Don Ogaard concerning his retirement; from the Marshall County Land and Water office concerning the Envirothon Program; from the Red River Basin Board concerning their 1st Annual International Conference; from Tom Ritoch concerning his request for information; and from the Minnesota

Pollution Control Agency concerning the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

A discussion was held concerning the mowing of the ditches under the jurisdiction of the Board of Managers. It was decided that where possible the District would mow the ditches twice a year.

Darrell Novacek joined the meeting at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Darrell Novacek discussed with the Board the crossing in the vicinity of the east/west quarterline along the west side of section 24 of Angus Township. He requested that the culvert be removed from that crossing and that a blind crossing be established.

It was agreed that Darrell Novacek would talk to the adjacent landowner and if possible reach some accommodation with him whereby the culvert size could be reduced and report back to the board.

A discussion was held concerning the seeding of the property acquired by the District for Phase 1 of the Snake River PL-566 project.

Mr. Adrian was directed to have the area seeded as soon as possible.

Mr. Adrian reported that the demolition of the buildings, on the property owned by the District, in the SW ¼ of Section 18 of Brandt Township, has been set and that the Zoning Administrator has been contacted for Polk County, and if the buildings are burned and buried that no permit is apparently required, and that arrangements have been made with the Warren Volunteer Fire Department to burn the buildings and with a contractor to bury the debris and concrete from the structures. It was also reported that the well on the property is apparently a 60" corrugated metal pipe buried in the ground. It is also reported that the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District has been contacted and the names of some contractors have been obtained for abandoning the well. It was reported that if all goes well that the buildings on the building site should be removed within the next two weeks.

Darrell Novacek left the meeting at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Mark Judovsky joined the meeting at approximately 4:55 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the drainage in and around the vicinity of Section 1 of Northland Township. After considerable discussion it was decided that upon receipt of the permit for the bridge replacement that accommodations could be made for drainage from section 1 into Judicial Ditch #75, with the installation of the bridge. The other issues would be dealt with at a later date.

Dick Nelson joined the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Mark Judovsky left the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the progress of the PL-566 project.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the District Attorney, Mr. Blake Sobolik, be directed to take whatever action may be necessary to get the bridges installed for the floodway on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Motion carried.

It was reported that bids for the crossing on County State Aid Highway #15 have been received, and that they came in with the low bidder being Riley Brothers, whose bid was approximately 10% under the Engineer's estimate.

Dick Nelson left the meeting at approximately 6:20 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the Grand Marais Project which is being looked at by the Project Work Team for the Red Lake Watershed District. It was agreed that the meeting should be set up with the Red Lake Watershed Board to discuss this matter.

Mr. Adrian reported that the boundary has been looked at by Dan Money and Nick Drees, and that the map has been prepared which shows the agreed upon boundary for the boundary change. In summary, the boundary would result in removing approximately 14.75 square miles from the existing Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, and adding approximately 2 square miles to the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, which is presently in the Two Rivers Watershed District. It was agreed that the District Attorney, Blake Sobolik, would prepare a resolution for consideration by both the Two Rivers Watershed District and the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, which would be presented to the Board of Soil and Water Resources.

It was reported that some debris has started to block the coulee immediately downstream of the outlet of Judicial Ditch #25-1. Mr. Adrian reported that Kendall McGlynn has contacted us and that arrangements are being made to remove this debris and stockpile it on the McGlynn property.

It was also reported that the culvert along Judicial Ditch #68, in the vicinity of the northwest quarter of section 33, has been removed.

A discussion was held concerning the position of the Polk County Highway Department has taken in regards to the gate installed on the culvert in the road ditch of County State Aid Highway #66. Mr. Adrian was directed to inform the parties involved that it is the recommendation of the Board that the County should honor the commitment to the parties concerned and do as the District recommended.

A discussion was held concerning the survey of the Ag Levees by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Adrian reported that the Professional Liability Insurance, that the District currently has, has been extended for a period of 1 month, and that it appears that the District will have to obtain Professional Liability Insurance under the State program.

A discussion was held concerning the letter from the Red River Water Management Board revision of the Governing Documents.

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson, that the District pay the additional damages for both the additional right-of-way required for the Phase 3 of the Snake River PL-566 project in section 31 of McCrea Township and the additional damages that may have been awarded by the court for the properties in section 6 and 31 of McCrea Township and McCrea Strip. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Jerome Potucek, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson that Mr. Adrian be authorized to sign on behalf of the District, Amendment #2 to the Cost Share Agreement for the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project, for a 75/25 cost share up to the amount stated in the agreement. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the 2 permit applications received by the District. The Board declined to issue either of the permits as requested.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Jerome Potucek that the District proceed with the advertisement for bids for equipment rental bids for the 2003 construction season. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., at the District office.

Ronald Adrian
Acting Secretary

Doug Sorenson
Assistant Sec-Treas