

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN
7:00 P.M. JUNE 16, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Osowski. Managers Doug Sorenson, Arlyn Stroble, Carl Green, Jim Johnson, Ron Osowski, Jerome Potucek and Alvin Nybladh were present. Blake Sobolik and Ron Adrian were also present.

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

Motion by Mr. Doug Sorenson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that the minutes of the May 19, 2003 meeting be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. Carl Green that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented and that checks numbered 11692 through 11734 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total of \$75,925.76 be paid from the administrative funds, and that checks numbered 2912 through 2932 inclusive, including the service charge, for a total \$314.53 be paid from the petty cash funds; and that check number 1985 through 1987 inclusive for a total of \$2,668.90 be paid from the ditch funds. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning the Legislative Update; from the Board of Water and Soil Resources concerning upcoming Challenge Grants; from the Twin Cities Group concerning workmens compensation insurance; a letter to Earl McGregor concerning section 32 of West Valley Township; and from the Minnesota Environmental Initiative concerning an upcoming meeting.

It was reported that certain reaches of State Ditch #3 have been reviewed with the representatives of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wants a proposal before any decisions are made concerning any potential permit.

It was reported that the survey for the reach of Judicial Ditch #75 damaged and approved for partial payment by FEMA is under way; that the request for reconsideration made to FEMA concerning the payment for damages approved has been submitted and that apparently the week of June 24, 2003, a representative from FEMA will be in the area to review the request.

The survey on the roadway in sections 1 and 2 of Northland Township was reviewed.

It was announced that a tour by the Red Lake Watershed District concerning the Project 60 work team, has been scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2003.

It was announced that 3 contractors are presently mowing portions of the ditch systems under the jurisdiction of the Board of Managers.

The results of the proposal for equipment rental were distributed.

Neil Johnson, Eric Johnson, Mark Maruska, Gerald Maruska, Merle Stinar, Wilbur Novacek and others joined the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Neil Johnson, Eric Johnson, Mark Maruska, Gerald Maruska, Merle Stinar, Wilbur Novacek and others discussed with the Board the proposed construction of the township roadway on the line common to section 6 of Angus Township and section 1 of Tabor Township. They reported they have discussed it with the owners involved and that they have agreed that if the permit for the roadway is issued, 1) that an overflow section should be placed approximately 1100' north of the southeast corner of section 1, approximately 200' in length, and 2.5' above the bottom of the west end of the culvert between the northwest corner of section 7 and the northeast corner of section 12 of Tabor township, 2) that a culvert be installed between sections 6 and 7 of Angus Township, to provide an outlet to County Ditch #43 be set at the same elevation as the west end of the culvert between section 7 of Angus and section 12 of Tabor, with no gate installed, and 3) that the ditch be cleaned and maintained to drain the waters to the north, and that the Johnson's will fill the old field ditch with the dirt from the new township road ditch, so that the ditch will drain north to County Ditch #43.

Wilbur Novacek, Merle Stinar, Gerald Maruska and others discussed with the Board the permit request of Wilbur Novacek to construct a dike along the portion of the north side of section 14 of Tabor Township, east of Judicial Ditch #75, and along the east side of section 14 north of Judicial Ditch #75.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Doug Sorenson that the permit (03-22) be issued to Wilbur Novacek with the elevation of the dike set at the east end, at an elevation of 846.0' MSL and the grade of dike be set parallel to the ditch bottom as determined by the alignment of the existing culverts in the south County State Aid Highway #23 road ditch, the grade to be determined by the Engineer, and that the dike along the east side of section 14 be set at an elevation of 846.0' MSL, provided that Don Fillipi sign the copy of the permit application. Motion carried.

Merle Stinar, Wilbur Novacek and others left the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Eric Johnson, Neil Johnson, Mark Judovsky, and Mark Maruska discussed with the Board the proposed township roadway between section 6 of Tabor Township and section 1 of Angus Township.

Eric Johnson, Neil Johnson, Mark Maruska and others left the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Mark Judovsky discussed with the Board the elevation of the roadway on the line common to section 1 and 2 of Northland Township. It was agreed that the

representatives of Northland Township will be contacted and invited to attend the next regular board meeting at which time it will be discussed further. It was also agreed that the apparent low portion of the road at station 24+00 would be investigated further to determine the cross section of the road prior to its being raised.

Mark Judovsky and Merle Stinar left the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Earl McGregor discussed with the Board the drainage in the vicinity of the south side of section 32 of West Valley Township. It was agreed that Managers, Carl Green and Jerome Potucek, would contact the downstream owner and review the situation as soon as possible.

Earl McGregor left the meeting at approximately 9:35 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the Angus Oslo #4 project, and the status of the Farmstead Ring Dikes.

Motion by Mr. Jerome Potucek, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson that the following permits be issued:

- 1) Permit (03-23)-to Vega Township to replace the culvert on Judicial Ditch #24, on the township road on section line 10 and 11 of Vega Township with a 48" corrugated steel pipe or equivalent;
- 2) Permit (03-24) to Philip Olson and Russell Sinn to remove sediment only from the Minnesota State Highway #1 road ditch along the south side of the southeast quarter of section 34 of McCrea Township;
- 3) Permit (03-25) to Ron Osowski to install culverts with a minimum size of 2-lines of 48" diameter CSP or equivalent with gates on the north end in the west Trunk Highway #220 road ditch in the vicinity of the east/west quarterline of section 21 in Fork Township and to install a minimum of a 36" diameter CSP or equivalent with a flap gate on the east end in the south Minnesota Trunk Highway #317 road ditch in the vicinity of the north/south quarterline of section 21 of Fork Township to prevent waters from flowing into section 21 of Fork Township;
- 4) Permit (03-26) to Robert Mager to lower the culvert through the township road on the quarterline between section 17 and 20 of Vega Township, which drains into Judicial Ditch #20 of Branch A, provided that a flap gate is installed on the south end of the culvert;
- 5) Permit (03-27) to Oak Park Township to replace the centerline culvert through the township roadway on the coulee in the east half on the line common to sections 1 and 12 of Oak Park Strip, with 1-line of 36" CSP or equivalent;

- 6) Permit (03-28) to Polk County Highway Department to replace the bridge on County Ditch #44 on the line common to sections 19 and 20 of Angus Township with 1 line of 14' x 7' precast concrete box culvert as outlined in the permit dated May 8, 2003.
- 7) Permit (03-29) to the Polk County Highway Department to replace the bridge on the Branch of Judicial Ditch #75 on the line common to sections 4 and 9 of Tabor Township, with 2-lines of 12' x 7' precast concrete box culverts, as outlined in the permit application dated May 8,
- 8) Permit (03-30) to Spruce Valley Township replace the bridge over the Middle River on the line common to sections 9 and 10 of Spruce Valley Township with culverts, with the size to be determined by the Engineer.

Motion carried, with Ron Osowski and Arlyn Stroble abstaining.

It was reported that the meeting with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m., June 18, 2003, at the office in Minneapolis; and that an agreement has been signed with the NRCS to provide services for Phase 2 of the Snake River PL-566 project, up to \$6000 which will be reimbursed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service; that the design of the concrete outlet structure is being reviewed and that it may require some redesign; that the contract for the construction of Phase 3a of the PL-566 project is being advertised and the bids will be opened on June 26, 2003; and that the Notice to Proceed has been issued for the replacement of the culverts on County State Aid Highway #15 for August 4, 2003.

The next regular meeting was set for 7:00 p.m., on July 21, 2003.

Ronald Adrian
Acting Secretary

Doug Sorenson
Secretary