

**APPROVED April 19, 2004**  
**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 15, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Sorenson. Managers Jim Johnson, David Bakke, Arlyn Stroble, Alvin Nybladh, Carl Green, Doug Sorenson and Tracy Anderson were present. Also present were Ron Adrian, Blake Sobolik, Jim Stengrim, Elden Elseth, and Wallace Diedrich.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that Mr. Ronald Adrian be appointed the recording secretary for purposes of keeping the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Don Diedrich joined the meeting at approximately 3:33 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Carl Green, seconded by Mr. Jim Johnson to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2004, meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carl Green that the bills be paid including the following, from the Administrative funds: checks numbered 3950 through 3960 inclusive for a total of \$12,960.47; checks numbered 12090 through 12095 inclusive for a total of \$8,690.30; and checks numbered 12096 through 12113 inclusive, and checks 12132 through 12134 inclusive, including the service charge for a total of \$24,447.16. Motion carried.

Paul Bergeron joined the meeting at approximately 3:50 p.m.

Adrian Weslowski joined the meeting at approximately 3:50 p.m.

Harvey Loeslie and Jeff Monroe joined the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following be adopted concerning the District's data/copy policies:

1. That the District will make "unapproved" minutes available, with them clearly marked as "unapproved". These copies will be made available as

soon as possible after the Board Meeting, with the goal that they be made available within 9 days after the Board Meeting.

2. The District will make available packets of information available for the inspection of the public;
  - a. Packets of public information mailed to the Managers, will be made available for public inspection within 1 business day after they are mailed.
  - b. Public information distributed to the Managers at the Board meeting will be made available for public inspection immediately after it is distributed.
3. Notes and other materials that are not maintained or disseminated by the District continue to remain non-public.
4. Opinions of the Department of the Administration will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the request of the Marshall County Highway Department for a permit to rebuild County State Aid Highway #32. After discussion this matter was deferred until additional information could be prepared for consideration by the Board.

Paul Bergeron discussed with the Board his permit request to construct a drainageway in the east half of section 16 of Middle River Township.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that a permit (04-05) be issued to Paul Bergeron to construct a drainageway across the northeast quarter of section 16 of Middle River Township, as outlined in the permit application. Motion carried.

Paul Bergeron left the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Jeff Monroe and Harvey Loeslie discussed with the Board drainage in the vicinity of section 7 and 18 of Numedal Township.

Loren Zutz joined the meeting at approximately 4:25 p.m.

It was agreed that the watershed permit applications would be sent to Harvey Loeslie.

Jeff Monroe and Harvey Loeslie left the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Jim Stengrim discussed with the Board the conduct of meetings and the District's copy policy.

Elden Elseth discussed with the Board the waterline providing service to rural water customers from the City of Warren, the Snake River PL-566 project, what he termed the Yutrzenka dike, and audits of the District's financial records.

A letter to the Board of Managers and a letter to the Marshall County Commissioners was distributed.

It was agreed that the District would try to arrange a meeting with representatives of the City to discuss issues concerning the rural water customers and the PL-566 project. This meeting would include, Arlyn Stroble, David Bakke, Ron Adrian and Blake Sobolik, and Elden Elseth and one other person.

Loren Zutz presented the District with a written request for copies.

Loren Zutz left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Wallace and Don Diedrich left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Communications were reviewed from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency concerning a Phosphorus Assessment; from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning the legislative update; from the Red River Basin Board concerning the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program; a publication called the Red River Reporter; a letter from the Minnesota Viewers Association concerning an upcoming meeting; from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning a drainage interview with the Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources; and from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency concerning a needs assessment.

Comments from the Board of Water and Soil Resources concerning the proposed Rules and Regulations were reviewed.

It was agreed that Blake Sobolik would check into this and determine what is required for the hearing, for adoption of the rules.

It was reported that the "Draft Amendment" to the Watershed Management Plan has been started; that there is nothing additional to report on Angus Oslo Site #4, and that the statements for the Ring Dikes recently completed are being prepared and should be mailed out shortly.

It was announced that the bid opening for the Trunk Highway #75 has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., March 30, 2004; that the bid opening for Phase 3 has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., April 6, 2004.

Motion by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that the District sign the "Assurances Relating to Real Property Acquisition" for Phase 3b. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the problem of the bank sloughing along portions of State Ditch #3. It was agreed that the NRCS and the Marshall County SWCD would be contacted to see if there are any cost share programs for this purpose.

Adrian Weslowski, Jim Stengrim and Eldon Elseth left the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the drainage in the vicinity of Section 2 and 1 of Northland Township. It was agreed that the individual making the request would be contacted and asked to discuss the issues with the Board as soon as possible.

A discussion was held concerning the replacement of the sign on the office building and replacement of some of the windows in the office.

A discussion was held concerning the properties owned by the District in section 18 of Brandt Township and section 33 of Como Township. Blake Sobolik reported that the bid opening for section 33 of Como Township has been scheduled and that the advertisements are under way.

It was reported that the person who seeded the property in section 2 of Boxville Township is interested in renting the properties for production of grass or/ hay.

It was reported that Mr. Adrian discussed with the Polk County Auditor the potential bond refinancing for the Repair of Judicial Ditch #75, and it appears that at the present time that it is most advantageous that as many of the bonds that can be called on February 1, 2005, will be. It was agreed that this would be set for consideration by the Board at the November 2004 meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the petition to use Judicial Ditch #75 as an outlet. The Engineers Report prepared by Mr. Adrian for this project was briefly reviewed.

An agreement in effect with the Red Lake Watershed District was reviewed briefly. It was agreed that this agreement would be modified to include the issues concerning the issuance of permits in the vicinity of the common border and the levying of assessments for repairs and maintenance of ditches, in the vicinity of the common boundary.

The meeting was closed at approximately 8:22 p.m., for consideration of litigation matters.

The meeting was reopened at approximately 8:37 p.m.

It was announced that the next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2004, at 3:30 p.m.; that the May meeting is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., and that a joint meeting with the Two Rivers Watershed District has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m., March 23rd.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. Carl Green, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:38 p.m.

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Ronald Adrian  
Recording Secretary

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Carl Green  
Secretary