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**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.                      JANUARY 24, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Sorenson. Managers John W Nelson, Doug Sorenson, Alvin Nybladh, David Bakke, Carl Green, Arlyn Stroble, and Tracy Anderson were present. Ronald Adrian, Bob Albrecht, Kurt Deter, Brent Boen, Nick Drees, Paul Meyer, Eldon Elseth, Brian Jadeke, Jeff Langen, Curtis Carlson, LeRoy Vonasek, Adrian Weslowski, and Rodney Teigen were also present.

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

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, to approve the agenda as amended: to include a discussion of the March Impoundment, under item #25. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Carl Green, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2004, meeting as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

Wally Diedrich joined the meeting at approximately 3:36 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Carl Green to approve the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, that the bills be paid including the following: from the Administrative Funds, that payroll checks numbered 4086 through 4105 inclusive for a total of \$22,494.20; that checks numbered 12528 through 12534 inclusive for a total of \$15,554.06; that checks numbered 12526 and 12535 through 12562 inclusive, for a total including the service charge of \$82,107.10; that petty cash checks numbered 3142 through 3154 inclusive, for a total including the service charge of \$344.13; and from the ditch funds that checks 2061 through 2067 inclusive for a total of \$693,463.64. Motion unanimously carried.

Jim Stengrim joined the meeting at approximately 3:44 p.m., and Don Diedrich joined the meeting at approximately 3:52 p.m.

Jeff Langen made a presentation concerning the request by the Marshall County Highway Department for a permit to replace the bridge over the Snake River on County State Aid Highway #34, commonly known as the Morkassel bridge.

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Adrian Weslowski and Eldon Elseth made comments concerning the proposal.

Jim Novak joined the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that permit (05-001) be issued to the Marshall County Highway Department to replace the bridge over the Snake River on County State Aid Highway #34, with a bridge as outlined in the permit request dated December 28, 2004. Motion carried, with Arlyn Stroble abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that permit (05-002) be issued to the Marshall County Highway Department to replace the bridge over the Snake River, on the line common to sections 23 and 26 of Big Woods Township, as outlined in the permit request, dated January 4, 2005. Motion unanimously carried.

Paul Meyer and Adrian Weslowski left the meeting at approximately 4:47 p.m.

Brent Boen, Rodney Teigen, LeRoy Vonasek, and Jeff Langen left the meeting at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Jim Novak discussed with the Board the drainage into Polk County Ditch #175, in the vicinity of section 7 of Tabor Township. A letter from the Polk County Highway Department concerning the highway right-of-way was reviewed. It was agreed that the owners of the adjoining property should be contacted to discuss this matter, and that a permit application should be made from the Polk County Highway Department to do the work as requested.

Jim Novak left the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Correspondence was reviewed from the Board of Soil and Water Resources concerning a Leadership Training Program and from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Correspondence involving the Data requests submitted by Jim Stengrim, Loren Zutz and Eldon Elseth were distributed.

It was announced that apparently the committee of the Board of Soil and Water Resources that held a hearing concerning the District's amended Watershed Management Plan is going to recommend that the plan be approved as amended, and that it was not known if the Board has taken action or when an action will be taken.

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It was announced, that the work is continuing on the mitigation plan for the Angus Oslo Site #4.

Nick Drees left the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Correspondence was reviewed concerning the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, including from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requesting of the return of funds advanced for the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, that the District return to the State the amount of \$850,390.00, which had been advanced for the payment of damages for the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Motion unanimously carried.

Jim Stengrim presented to the Board a memo concerning the Red River Basin Board acting as a facilitator concerning the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

A copy of a Draft Gate Management Plan was distributed for the Snake River PL-566 Flood Control Project.

Mr. Adrian reported that meetings of agency personnel concerning the development of the mitigation plan are scheduled to begin in early February.

Jim Stengrim, Don Diedrich, and Wally Diedrich left the meeting at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Correspondence from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety was reviewed concerning funds received for the Disaster DR-1175.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, that the District return to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety an amount of \$11,963.00. Motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that one individual has been sent a letter from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concerning the Ag Levee's.

A draft of a Data Retention Policy was distributed.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson, that the firm of Conrad Dahl and Associates be retained to do the audit for the 2004 fiscal year,

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and that the Annual Report for the year ending 2004, be prepared. Motion unanimously carried.

A map showing the areas on ditch systems for which the grass strip has been established was distributed.

It was announced that the bonds sold for the construction of Watershed Ditch #5 and Watershed Ditch #6 are being reviewed to determine if there is a savings by refinancing these bonds.

The activity report for the January 18, 2005 Red River Watershed Management Board meeting was distributed.

Eldon Elseth and Brian Jadeke left the meeting at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. David Bakke, that Mr. Adrian be given the authority to purchase a new computer with an estimated cost of \$3000.00 or less. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson, that the regular meetings of the Board of Managers for the year 2005 be held on the third Monday of each month, except if the third Monday is a holiday, then it be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, and that meetings be held at 3:30 p.m., from November through April, and at 7:00 p.m., May through October with all meetings being held at the District office, at 453 N McKinley St, Warren, Minnesota. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Carl Green that the designated depositories for the funds of the District be the Bremer Bank in Warren, Minnesota and the Community Bank of Warren, Minnesota, and other depositories as the Board may designate. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the official newspapers of the District include the following: Warren Sheaf, Stephen Messenger, Crookston Times, Thief River Falls Times, Kittson County Enterprise, and the Roseau Times, and that the official publications be made in any or all of these newspapers as required by statute. Motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held concerning the March Impoundment project and flood control projects in other areas.

Curtis Carlson left the meeting at approximately 6:24 p.m.

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Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the meeting be closed for purposes of discussing pending litigation concerning the PL-566 project and the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was reopened at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

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Ronald Adrian  
Recording Secretary

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Carl Green  
Secretary