

# APPROVED (April 18, 2005)

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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. MARCH 21, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Sorenson. Managers Alvin Nybladh, Arlyn Stroble, Tracy Anderson, David Bakke, John W Nelson, Doug Sorenson and Carl Green were present. Ronald Adrian, Jeff Hane, Ron Osowski, Sharon Bring, LeRoy Vonasek, Jim Stengrim, Paul Meyer, Bob Baird, Loren Zutz, Robin Johnson, John Rehder, Wally Diedrich, Jim Johnson, Rhonda Larson, Ralph Larson and Eric Larson were also present.

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

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

Don Diedrich joined the meeting at approximately 3:34 p.m.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Carl Green, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 28, 2005 as corrected, and to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 17, 2005 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson, that the bills be paid including the following: from the Administrative Funds, that payroll checks numbered 4119 through 4131 inclusive for a total of \$15,414.04; that checks numbered 12597 through 12603 inclusive for a total of \$10,405.82; that checks numbered 12596 and 12604 through 12628 inclusive for a total of \$117,966.47; and that petty cash checks numbered 3165 through 3170 inclusive, for a total of \$263.22. Motion unanimously carried.

Doug Sorenson presented to Jim Johnson, a plaque in appreciation for his 21 years of community service as a manager of the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District.

Brian Kasprick joined the meeting at approximately 3:40 p.m.

Brian Jadeke and Eldon Elseth joined the meeting at approximately 3:44 p.m.

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Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that Permit (05-003) be granted to the Marshall County Highway Department to rebuild County State Aid Highway #2 between Minnesota Trunk Highway #1 and County State Aid Highway #11, as outlined in the permit application dated March 4, 2005. Motion unanimously carried.

Gerard Neil, Rhonda Larson, Eric Larson, Ralph Larson and Jim Novak discussed with the Board the trap on the culvert in the northwest corner of section 7 of Tabor Township.

A motion was offered by Mr. Tracy Anderson to table permits (05-004) and (05-005). The motion was dropped for a lack of a second.

Motion by Mr. Carl Green, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that permit (05-004) be granted to Tabor Township to remove the trap on the south end of the culvert in the vicinity of the northwest corner of section 7 of Tabor Township and that permit (05-005) be issued to Ralph Larson to remove the trap on the south end of the culvert in the vicinity of the northwest corner of section 7 of Tabor Township. Motion carried, with Mr. Tracy Anderson abstaining.

Jim Novak, Rhonda Larson, Gerard Neil, Ralph Larson and Eric Larson left the meeting at approximately 4:27 p.m.

Jeff Brouse and others discussed with the Board the maintenance of Branch A of Judicial Ditch #15, in sections 19 and 30 of New Solem Township. He reported that the ditch has become silted in and is blocked with beaver dams.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson, that Mr. Adrian be authorized to maintain Branch A of Judicial Ditch #15 and to remove the beaver and beaver dams from the ditch, and to prepare a plan for the repair of the channel. Motion unanimously carried.

Ron Osowski discussed with the Board the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the mill levy, the Buffalo Red River Watershed District membership in the Red River Watershed Management Board and the Marshall County Township Officers Association meeting held in Newfolden on March 19, 2005.

Robin Johnson presented the Board with a letter supporting the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

John Rehder spoke on behalf of Farley Township in support of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

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John Rehder and Robin Johnson left the meeting at approximately 5:07 p.m.

Brian Kasprick discussed the permit which was denied in the vicinity of the point common to sections 18, 17, 19 and 20 of Angus Township.

Jim Stengrim questioned the treasurer's report and bills paid to Rinke-Noonan, and what was discussed at the special meeting held March 17, 2005.

Paul Meyer discussed the roadway along the diversion around the off-channel flood storage site.

Robin Johnson and John Rehder rejoined the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

It was agreed that the District would look into building up the roadway along the west side of the diversion around the Off Channel Floodwater Storage Site approximately ½ mile further south.

Ron Osowski left the meeting at approximately 5:27 p.m.

Loren Zutz discussed with the Board the Swift Coulee in the vicinity of sections 3 and 2 of McCrea Township.

Eldon Elseth and Paul Meyer left the meeting at approximately 5:32 p.m. Don Diedrich left the meeting at approximately 5:37 p.m., and Wally Diedrich left the meeting at approximately 5:38 p.m. Brian Jadeke and Loren Zutz left the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Correspondence was reviewed from the Marshall County Water and Land Office concerning the Area 1 Envirothon; and from the Environmental Energy Research Center of the University of North Dakota concerning the Waffle plan.

Correspondence concerning the copy policy/data practices concerning Eldon Elseth were reviewed and copy requests from Rhonda Larson were also reviewed.

It was announced that the Data Retention Policy adopted by the Board has been sent to the State and to date no response has been received.

A discussion was held concerning the meeting concerning the audits scheduled for March 29, 2005. It was agreed that we would stick with the March 29, 2005 date.

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Nick Drees left the meeting at approximately 5:44 p.m., and Kelly Nelson left the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Pam Woekenfuss introduced herself to the Board. She is the Manager at the Agassiz Audubon Refuge.

It was announced that the draft copy of the proposed publication of the Watershed Management Plan revision was distributed.

It was announced that the meeting concerning the Agassiz Valley Flood Damage Reduction Work Group is scheduled for March 31, 2005.

Mr. Adrian reported that the discussions concerning agreements with the Canadian Pacific Railway about the proposed structure under the Trunk Highway #1 and the Canadian Pacific Railroad are continuing and it appears that there will be three agreements concerning this. He also reported that the planning for the Phase IV mitigation plan is continuing, with the next meeting scheduled for March 30, 2005.

It was reported that the agreement with the State of Minnesota for the construction of farmstead ring dikes has been signed and returned.

It was reported that JOR Engineering is preparing the plan for the additional works on the Angus Oslo Site #4, and we expect to have the proposal at the next meeting.

Mr. Adrian reported on Judicial Ditch #75. It was agreed that he would pursue with the Department of Public Safety (FEMA) a change in the plan to reflect the actual damages to the channel.

A discussion was held concerning Judicial Ditch #15. Mr. Adrian was directed to have the culverts repaired, at the intersection of Branch B and the Main.

Motion by Mr. Alvin Nybladh, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that Mr. Adrian be authorized to hire the Sentence to Serve program to do snagging on the Middle, Snake and Tamarac Rivers, with an estimated cost of \$5,000 per river, per year, with the additional authorization to spend \$5,000 to purchase equipment for the snagging of the rivers, by others. Motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that the Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

It was announced that the joint meeting with the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District has been scheduled for April 19, 2005, at 8:00 a.m.

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Mr. Adrian was directed to set up meeting with the Red Lake Watershed District and the Two Rivers Watershed District.

The activity report for the Red River Watershed Management Board was reviewed.

A discussion was held concerning the District's health insurance.

A discussion was held concerning the rules enforcement. A portion of the rules of the Two Rivers Watershed District was reviewed. Mr. Adrian was directed to melt the rules of the Two Rivers Watershed District together with the rules of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to provide for incorporating fines for after the fact permits.

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

The meeting was closed at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was reopened at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

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Ronald Adrian  
Recording Secretary

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Carl Green  
Secretary