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Sam Holte presented the board with a listing of the culvert locations, sizes and signatures of the landowners affected.

Ron Adrian stated more detail should be furnished such as a plan profile, typical sections on the crossing details, and more outlet detail is needed.

Sam Holte reported that they have been in contact with the Corps of Engineers and the Minnesota DNR.

After considerable discussion, Manager Ben Kleinwachter made the motion to approve the Higdem Community Ditch permit (05-075). The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke to deny the Higdem Community Ditch permit (05-075). Motion unanimously carried.

The Board informed Sam Holte that they would act on another permit if the permit application contains supporting documents and that a plan be designed by a Registered Professional Engineer.

Sam Holte left the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the following permits be issued:

1. Permit (05-076) be issued to Ron Osowski to move the crossing and install a 30" culvert in the NW4 of section 15 of Fork Township, along Minnesota Highway #220, with the condition that a MN DOT permit is granted;
2. Permit (05-077) be issued to Ron Osowski to relay the culverts in the SE4 of section 21 of Fork Township, under the township road, with the condition a MN DOT permit is granted;
3. Permit (05-078) be issued to Gordon and Daniel Kujava to remove sediment from CSAH #28 road ditch along the east side of road for approximately ¼ mile and along the north side of CSAH #28 to approximately the quarterline in the SW4 of Section 4 of Marsh Grove Township.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Drees was directed to contact Norman Lindemoen to re-submit his permit request to clean sediment only from the County Road #28 road ditch, in section 4 and 3 of Marsh Grove Township.

Correspondence from the US Department of the Interior concerning links to reports produced by the USGS; from the University of Minnesota concerning Erosion/Sediment Control Certification classes; from the Minnesota Association of Watershed District's concerning the Annual Meeting to be held at Alexandria, Minnesota; and from the Marshall County Commissioners concerning a request to the County Commissioners.

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Nick Drees reported that he had met with the Marshall County Commissioners to discuss various issues.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the Administrator and Secretary be directed to invite the Marshall County and Polk County Commissioners to an informational meeting on the Agassiz Valley Water Management Project and to tour the various projects of the Watershed District. Motion unanimously carried.

Data practice requests were distributed and reviewed.

Nick Drees reported that the prevailing wage issue on the PL-566 project has apparently been resolved, and final payment will be made upon the signed release from the contractor; that the final payment on the TH #1/CPRR contract has been issued; that there has been no word on the Phase 4 Mitigation plan; that more riprap needs to be added to the TH #75/BNSF crossing; that it appears that the concrete work on Phase 3B maybe finished this fall, and that the floodway should be operational for the 2006 spring runoff. The progress report on Phase 3B was distributed.

Nick Drees reported that there appears to be a shortage of fill material on the PL-566 project. The Board directed to Nick to help resolve the fill issue and a special board meeting could be scheduled if needed.

Nick Drees reported that the farmstead ring dike under construction is nearly complete.

It was reported that the contractor has completed the tile work on the contract for the Completion of Angus Oslo #4, and the remainder of the project should be completed by the end of October.

Ron Adrian, Engineer for Houston Engineering, reported that an extension with FEMA for the repair of Judicial Ditch #75 is being filed, and that he has requested an environmental review from the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Soil and Water Resources.

Nick Drees reported that a contractor has been contracted to remove sediment from Branch B of Judicial Ditch #15; that County Ditch #39 has been cleaned; that a contractor will begin removing the sediment in the SE corner of section 5 of Comstock Township, on Judicial Ditch #25-1; that the spoil on Judicial Ditch #75, in sections 3 and 4 of Tabor Township has been repaired, however, some touch up work remains; and that a contractor has been hired to clean Judicial Ditch #14, Branch D.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke to authorize payment of \$200,000 for the refinancing of the bonds on Watershed Ditch #5 and Watershed Ditch #6. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the District proceed with the construction of set back levees and/or the resloping of State Ditch #3, in section 4 of Bloomer Township. Motion unanimously carried.

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Nick Drees reported that the Petition for the Improvement of County Ditch #175 is proceeding.

It was reported that the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2005. The activity report of the District was distributed.

Connie Kalinowski reported that the 2004 audit should be completed within the next week, and that the project audit on the PL-566 project is continuing.

Nick Drees reported that a tour of the PL-566 project was held with representatives from the City of Roseau, the Roseau Watershed District, and the County of Roseau.

Connie Kalinowski was directed to purchase a plaque in recognition of service for manager Carl Green, and for Ron Adrian for 32 years of employment with the District.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the 2005 Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for 1:30 p.m, November 21, 2005, at the community room of the Bremer Bank. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that all properties owned by the District be posted for no hunting. Motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held on the rental agreements of the District properties.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the District publicly accept bids, for a 3 year lease, on the properties rented out by the District and that such notice be published in the Warren Sheaf, Stephen Messenger, Northern Watch and the Nor'western, with bids to be opened at the December 19, 2005 regular meeting of the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Next on the agenda was the legal status of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project and its current pending appeals. The Board wanted to discuss legal theories and strategies.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the meeting be closed for purposes of discussing litigation on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was closed at approximately 10:28 p.m.

Motion by Mr. David Bakke, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter to reopen the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was reopened at approximately 11:21 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Tracy Anderson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that a special meeting of the Board of Managers be scheduled for November 2, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., for purposes of conducting a tour of the Watershed Projects. Motion unanimously carried.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2005, at 3:30 p.m., at the District office.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the meeting be adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:27 p.m.

Connie Kalinowski
Recording Secretary

Ben Kleinwachter
Secretary