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Ron Kmecik, Tony Filipi and Jerry Larson left the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Correspondence was reviewed from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation regarding seminars on Excellence in Nonprofit Management Series; and from Joel Anderson regarding the farmstead ring dike in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 7 of Vega (Strip) Township.

Nick Drees gave a brief history on the Leland and Joel Anderson farmstead ring dike. He stated that the ring dike was constructed without Watershed approval and therefore does not qualify for participation in the District's ring dike program.

After discussion, Nick Drees was directed to furnish Leland and Joel Anderson elevations and other information needed to bring the ring dike into compliance.

The News and Views of the Red River Watershed Management Board were distributed.

Ron Osowski joined the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Nick Drees reported on the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting held on January 22, 2008, in Fargo, North Dakota. He stated the next Red River Watershed Management Board meeting is scheduled for February 19 and February 20, 2008, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and informed the Board that the term of the District's representatives to the Red River Watershed Management Board have expired.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Ron Osowski be appointed the District's representative to the Red River Watershed Management Board, and that Mr. Alvin Nybladh be appointed the alternate. Motion carried, with Mr. Elden Elseth abstaining.

Ron Adrian, of Houston Engineering, reported on the status of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. He stated that the preliminary plans and specifications have been completed, and that it is anticipated that the construction of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project will be constructed in 3 phases.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that Nick Drees be authorized, on behalf of the District, to advertise for bids for Phase 1 of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, upon the advice and time table delineated by Houston Engineering. Motion unanimously carried.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, updated the Board on the status of the Angus/Brandt Project. He stated he will present the Preliminary Engineers Report, at the District's February board meeting. He also stated the next project

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work team meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bremer Bank in Warren, Minnesota.

Mr. John W Nelson and Ron Osowski gave a brief report on the Red River Basin Conference held in Fargo, North Dakota on January 22-24, 2008.

Nate Dalager left the meeting at approximately 5:44 p.m.

Attorney Jeff Hane reported that the trial of Drewes Inc. regarding the Angus Oslo #4 project has been rescheduled for June 2008; that the motions on the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project, regarding the Jim Stengrim matter are set for February 8, 2008; that the law firm of Rinke-Noonan will be handling the scheduling conference in regards to the Riley Brothers case, on the PL-566 project; that he has not heard anything regarding the suit of Loren Zutz and Elden Elseth with John W Nelson and Arlyn Stroble, and that there is no report regarding the litigation committee.

Nick Drees reported that the Pay Equity Report has been filed; that Brady-Martz will be performing the audit of the District in April; and that a request for more documentation was received and furnished to the Minnesota State Auditor.

A discussion was held on the ridge that was cut in the N ½ of section 36 of Helgeland Township.

It was the consensus of the Board, that Nick Drees contact the landowners, and inform them that the ridge in the N ½ of section 36 of Helgeland Township be restored to its original condition.

Nick Drees reported on the Stream Maintenance Program.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that the District expend up to \$5000.00, and utilize the Sentence to Serve Program, for cleaning and snagging of the rivers within the District. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that plans are to move the staff gauge on the Snake River from Cooks Bridge, on Marshall County Highway #14, to the Morkassel Bridge, on Marshall County Highway #34.

A discussion was held on the recording of the Board meetings.

Motion by Mr. Elden Elseth, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that District's board meetings be recorded. Motion failed, with Mr. John W Nelson, Mr. Alvin Nybladh and Mr. Arlyn Stroble voting no, and Mr. Ben Kleinwachter and Mr. Elden Elseth voting yes.

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Nick Drees reported on the investigation performed by Roughrider Investigators for Marshall County; and that he attended a meeting with U.S. Senator Klobuchar.

A discussion was held on the exempt or non-exempt status of the District's Administrator.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the employment of Nick Drees, Administrator of the District, remain as a non-exempt employee. Motion carried, with Mr. John W Nelson, Mr. Alvin Nybladh, and Mr. Arlyn Stroble voting yes, and Mr. Elden Elseth and Mr. Ben Kleinwachter voting no.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter that Nick Drees be granted a 2% salary adjustment. Motion unanimously carried.

Nick Drees reported that the District's insurance carrier, Thompson Insurance, will not be renewing the District's policy, effective March 1, 2008.

Correspondence from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts concerning the 2008 Legislative Breakfast, scheduled for March 13, 2008 in St. Paul was distributed.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that the designated depository for the Administrative funds of the District be the Bremer Bank in Warren, Minnesota and other depositories as the Board may designate. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Elden Elseth, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh 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.

LeRoy Vonasek left the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stoble that the Districts Legal Council be the law firm of Brink, Sobolik Severson, Malm and Albrecht of Hallock, Minnesota. Motion carried, with Mr. Elden Elseth abstaining.

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Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh the District retain the Engineering services of Houston Engineering, Inc. Motion carried, with Mr. Elden Elseth abstaining.

Dean Danielski left the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Arlyn Stroble, seconded by Mr. Alvin Nybladh that the 2008 mileage rate, for purposes of conducting watershed business, be consistent with the Internal Revenue Service guidelines, with the rate, effective as of January 1, 2008 of 50.5¢. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ben Kleinwachter, seconded by Mr. Arlyn Stroble that the Board adopt the following meeting schedule for 2008:

Regular Monthly Meetings	Time	Comment
January 28, 2008	4:00 p.m.	4 th Monday
February 25, 2008	4:00 p.m.	4 th Monday
March 17, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**April 7, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Monday
April 21, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**May 5, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Monday
May 19, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**June 2, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Monday
June 16, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**July 7, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Monday
July 21, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**August 4, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Monday
August 18, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**September 2, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Tuesday
September 15, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
**October 6, 2008	4:00 p.m.	1 st Monday
October 20, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
November 17, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
December 15, 2008	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
January 26, 2009	4:00 p.m.	4 th Monday

Motion unanimously carried.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers was scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

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 7:01 p.m.

Connie Kalinowski
Recording Secretary

Ben Kleinwachter
Secretary