

**RAMSEY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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August 22, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Volk.

**ROLL CALL:** Brian Volk, Duaine Ash and Jim Berg

**ABSENT:** Jon Brown and Paul Christensen

**GUESTS:** Matthew Dearth-Vogel Law Firm, John Kippen-Ellingson Company, Glenn Morstad-area farmer, Bruce Gibbens-Board Attorney and Marlene Morse-Office Manager

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION ON DETERMINATION ON STEVE HALVORSON CULVERT COMPLAINT:**

The complaint was that Halvorson thought there was obstruction in the culvert at SE 1/4 Sec. 27-158N-62W Ramsey County. The board had KLJ Engineering Survey and with Bjornson notes from the survey it is noted that the culvert is free flowing, no water in it and was fairly clean. *His notes are included.* Ash made the motion to deny the water complaint, second by Berg. **Motion carried.** A roll call vote was taken with Ash yes, Berg yes and Volk yes. Our attorney Bruce Gibbens will do the paperwork and have Volk sign before they are sent out certified mail to both on Steve Halvorson and Steve Swanson which the complaint was against. The letter will also be sent to his Attorney, Matthew Dearth.

Dearth did mention that the next option Halvorson may peruse would be to lower the culvert. It was said if he wanted to go that route, he would have to go to the Township and with that a request for stream crossing from the Water Board would be necessary, at that time the board would hire an Engineer prepare that information.

**GLENN MORSTAD-AMENDMENT ON HIS DRAIN TILE:**

Morstad along with John Kippen from Ellingson Company were in to request an amendment on the pump they will install for the drain tile. Berg move to approve the plan that is to move the pump to the blue line water course which would be the existing waterway. Second by Ash, **Motion carried.** The amended map was presented at the time of the meeting.

**CATTAIL SPRAYING:** The cattail spraying isn't done in Ramsey County yet. They are working in Cavalier County at this time and will be coming here next.

We heard that one of the helicopters had crashed so they are short equipment at the time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LETTER FROM CAVALIER COUNTY:**

The office received a letter from Kensi Breyer, Treasure Cavalier County Water Board, stating that we owe them \$2,732.66 from 2018 tax assessments for the Starkweather Coulee because they billed their landowners \$1.05 per acre and we billed \$1.00 per acre. The .05 was to go towards the culverts they installed in Cavalier County that were paid out of the Starkweather Coulee account and Ramsey County Water Board does not pay for culverts, in Ramsey County it is paid for by the Highway Dept. Fema had paid for a portion of the culverts. The total culvert price was as follows.

<b>Ramsey County Starkweather Account paid Fema Culverts for Cavalier County</b>	<b>\$31,929.42</b>
<b>Fema reimbursed</b>	<b>\$27,140.00</b>
<b>Still owe</b>	<b>\$ 4,789.41</b>
<b>Cavalier County Commissioners</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,915.76</u> Paid 5/21/2018</b>
<b>Still owes</b>	<b>\$ 2,873.66 Due</b>

**REQUEST FOR DRAIN ON RIGHT OF WAY-RICHARD MARTINSON:**

Martinson would like to have a pipe bored under the highway 17. The existing culvert is about 18' too high. This causes the coulee to not drain as it should and cattails grow out of control. There was some talk about a sub-basin clean out to the Starkweather Coulee, at that time Berg made a motion to have Dave Hovendick-LLS Surveying survey the area of Sec.21-157-62 upstream and downstream to determine the natural bottom. Ash second it. **Motion carried.**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brian Volk,**  
**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marlene Morse,**  
**Office Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_