MIDDLE FORK
CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Meeting
January 7th, 2014
189 County Road 8 NE
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: R. Hodapp, B. Wing, J. Flanders and R. Schaefer of the Board (absent G. Behm); M. Johnson-Administrator, M. Behan-Technician; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; N. Lilleberg and M. Larson.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7:00 pm.
2. The Mission Statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was read by Chairman R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda with the addition of 6.3.c. Board Attendance Policy. The motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes of the December meeting.
5. Treasurer’s Report
A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Administrators Report
   6.a. Review Calendar-see January and February calendar.
   6.b. Review of Project Status
      6.b.1. BWSR Green Lake Stormwater-The Loon Creek project is pending estimates and the invoice of one property owner.
      6.b.2. BWSR Drainage Water Quality-The Board discussed the water quality improvement associated with the installation of the bioreactor.
   6.c. Administrative matters
      6.c.1. Project of the Year award was started in 2012 with recognition of the Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project. For the 2013 award the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was asked to vote on various projects: Irving Township, Lilleberg bioreactor and the Johnson shoreline project; the Lilleberg bioreactor received the most votes. In making their choice the CAC noted “the number of hours involved in the project, the amount of water quality impact and largest treatment area”. The Board discussed the projects and a motion by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to accept the CAC nomination. The motion passed 4-0 for 2013 Project of the Year Award to N. Lilleberg.
      6.c.2. 2014 RFP DNR Watercraft Inspection Grant-The Board discussed combining the DNR Grant funds, along with WD funds for the 2014 AIS program. Funds are available for a Level 1 Inspector which would be supplemented with WD funds. The DNR grant would pay $7.75/hour; the WD funds would increase the hourly pay to $11/hour. The WD has been asked to again provide an inspector for non-district lakes. Reimbursement would be made to the WD on an hourly basis. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Kandiyohi County for Watercraft Inspectors. The motion passed 4-0.
      6.c.3. Board Attendance Policy-M. Johnson has requested information from other WD as to their policy on Board attendance. Many WD do not have a policy. The matter was discussed; no decision was made.
   6.d. Follow up on December Administrative Matters
6.d.1. Variance for lawn-The Planning and Zoning Committee voted against our request for a native lawn. A compromise of allowing a small plot on the north side of the building was offered by the committee. See the diagram of building site. The committee meets next on January 15th.

7. Legal Counsel Report-none.

8. Public Access Forum-R. Imdieke thanked M. Behan for represent the WD on the Water Task Force Board. N. Lilleberg stated that many people stopped by his project site with questions. Some people thought something wrong was occurring. R. Schaefer asked M. Johnson to develop a sign that could be placed roadside to notify the public that a WD project is underway.

9. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary