Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
189 County Road NE
Spicer, MN 56288
September 1st, 2015

The MFCRWD Board of Managers held a Public Hearing for the purpose of passage of their 2016 budget. The hearing opened at 6:45 and was chaired by B. Wing Vice President. The proposed 2016 budget was presented by Administrator M. Johnson. All questions were answered and after no further questions the Public Meeting was closed at 7:00 pm.

Present: B. Wing, G. Behm; J. Flanders (7:14 ) and R. Schaefer of the Board; M. Johnson-Administrator; L. Christensen & J. Morales-Technicians; J. Kolb-Attorney; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; D. Hanson-NRCS; A. Beilke-BWSR and S.&H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President B. Wing at 7:00 pm.
2. The District Mission statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was read by B. Wing.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the August meeting
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Permit #15-10 Mike Kompelien

R. Schaefer noted a correction for the minutes on P2. #5 Park Lane-the word “obstructed” to be added. G. Behm stated that the WD budget print seemed to be larger than the other public notices which resulted in greater cost to the WD for the public notice. M. Johnson stated she would look into the matter. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda with the inclusion of the above two comments. The motion passed 3-0.

Regular Agenda

7. Administrator’s Report
   a. Review of Calendar-See calendar.
   b. Review of Project Status
      1. CIP #13-02 Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation Hubbard, Schultz and Wheeler Implementation Activity-Approximately 50 people were in attendance at the Atwater meeting. J. Kolb prepared a draft with the public comments.
         a. Petition to Outlet-See “Notice of Petition to Outlet”.
         b. 103G.408 Public hearing-See notice.
         c. MOA county Highway Department-Between Schultz and Wheeler lakes is a 24” corrugated pipe which the DNR will replace the pipe with a new 4’ x 6’ culvert and fish barrier with removable stop logs. The stop logs will be used for the draw downs. These plans will be included in our MOA. The box culvert will be modified for this projects draw down.
         d. MOA Harrison Township-See MOA for Harrison Township.
      2. CIP#14-02 Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management (DLAPM)-The regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was recessed and the DLAPM meeting was reconvened. See document “Final Order Establishing Appraisers’ Determination of Benefits. Two corrections were noted (Sept 8th should
be Sep 1st on page 1; page 3 #24 project to be changed to “protect”. A motion to approve the findings with the 2 corrections was made by J. Flanders, and seconded by G. Behm. The motion passed 4-0. The Public Meeting was adjourned and the Board of Managers Meeting was reconvened at 7:35.

   a. Final Order Establishing Project and Adopting Appraiser Determination of Benefits. See above.

   3. North Fork Crow River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)-The C.R.O.W. is asking for a RFP to request a bid for writing the 1W1P. M. Johnson will focus on the 4 objectives stated in the RFP. See RFP for 1W1P.

c. Administrative matters
   1. 2016 MFCRWD Budget-See Proposed budget presented in Public Hearing. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to accept the 2016 as stated for $800,690. The motion passed 4-0.
   2. 2016 Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management Budget-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the budgeted $28,000 for the 2016 estimated cost of the DLAPM program. The motion passed 4-0.
   3. Hydrologic Technician-Jon Morales was welcomed by the Board.
   4. K-2-15 Peltier Shoreline Voucher-L. Christensen presented information and photographs of the Peltier shoreline restoration project. Total project is estimated at $ 8235.00. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve K-2-15 for $5,450.01; the motion passed 4-0.

   5. K-6-13 Irving Township Re-work Voucher- A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the K-6-13 Irving Township Re-work Voucher. The motion passed 4-0.
   6. C.R.O.W.-Clean up the Crow donation-The C.R.O.W. River Clean Up project costs about $15,000 and they are requesting donations. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the donation of $500 for this event. The motion passed 4-0.
   7. Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting- September 24 noon meeting.-The agenda was reviewed with the Board of Managers. This month’s topics will be permits and zoning.

   d. Follow up on August Administrative matters
   1. July 17-Personnel Salary Subcommittee Minutes-The Subcommittee recommendations were reviewed; see document “Special Meeting: Personnel Policy and Salary”. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve Personnel Policy and Salary document. The motion passed 4-0.
   2. Office irrigation system-The system has been installed and is working well.
   3. SWCD Project Tour-See map highlighting the many projects completed by Kandiyohi SWCD; information presented by M. Johnson.
   4. Park Lane fixes-M. Johnson will meet with the property owner this week to discuss the project. The board wanted a detailed design from contractor Land Pride. The removal and replace of a nuisance tree was decided against by the board and M. Johnson will relay the message to the landowner.
   5. AED: Automatic External Defibrillator-The device has been delivered and installed on the wall just outside of the board room.
   6. District Aquatic Invasive Species Inspector Program-One Inspector will be working throughout September.

8. Legal Counsel Report-None.

9. Public Access Forum-J. Morales reported on the Clean Up the Crow River event which is scheduled September 26th at 8-12. He has contacted area schools and organizations. G. Behm asked about the Brekke-Rosenquist Bioreactor-L. Christensen stated the project is being installed by Swenson & Sons.
L. Christensen also reported on a possible project on the Leiters-O’Brien Slough; information has been sent to both property owners. Bollig Engineering is working on this project. A. Beilke of BWSR stated that the Grant Audit process is changing to the audit occurring at the end of the project prior to the last payout of 10% project cost.

A motion was made J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting closed at 8:18 pm.

Submitted,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary