**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**CD 47**

**Monday, July 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m.**

**MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN**

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Bryan Larson – Meeker County Commissioner, Kevin Kelbing – Meeker County Ditch Inspector, Ethan Jenzen – DNR Hydrologist, Chris Meehan – Wenck Associates, Tara Ostendorf – Board Conservationist BWSR, Margaret Johnson – MFCRWD Administrator, Jon Morales – MFCRWD Program Manager, and Dylan Erickson, Watershed Specialist

1. Engineers Report – Wenck will have the Engineer’s Report available within the next several weeks.
2. Petition to the County – A petition will be drafted by the MFCRWD to the County and Drainage Authority to include the project description.
3. Summer 2017 Projects – Jon Morales will be working with one landowner to complete a few minor projects this fall.
4. Buffers and Buffer Enforcement – Meeker County is taking Buffer enforcement, there are only a few locations along this stretch that need additional buffers.
5. SWCD Programs – Tara Ostendorf explained that the Meeker County SWCD has money available and projects need to be in a work plan.
6. Ditch / Public Water – There is still a little confusion about the watercourse and if it need a 50-foot buffer or a 16.5. Several folks were going to look into it.
7. Funding
   1. Clean Water Fund Grant – Projects and Practices – The Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District will be applying for a CWF Project and Practices grant. The deadline is August 9th.
   2. County Funding – There might be some money as part of a water task force, but the group did not know the extent of the funding or the size of the budget.
   3. Match – some landowners may be interested in completing projects on their own dime and that could be used as match. The Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District could pass an ad valorem to help with match.
   4. Ditch Assessment – the ditch account is only 1,200 acres
   5. Benefit Exceedance
   6. Ordinance Compliance – discussion took place regarding the ordinance on the Meeker County Ditch system. There are several landowners out of compliance of the ordinance.
8. Project Security – Contractual
9. Advisory Reports - Reports are due within 30 days of the receipt of the engineers report.
10. Public Hearing – a public informational meeting will take place in August. The meeting will be in the evening.
11. Timeline – the public hearing will take place at the County Commissioner Board Meeting in mid to late October.