

Middle Fork Crow River Water shed District

Board of Managers Meeting

October 4th, 2011

174 Lake Avenue North

Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, R. Hodapp, B. Wing, G. Behm and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden Henjum & S. Jacobson-Technicians; J. Kolb-Legal Counsel; D. Peterson-Kandiyohi County Commissioner; T. Johnson, I. Mills, J. Ruter-Nest Lake; and S. & H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

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 R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes of the September 6th meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. October bills to pay
7. Permit #11-14 Duchene home construction (Elkhorn Lake)
8. Permit #11-15 Emerald Bay stream stabilization (Diamond Lake)

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to pass the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project Discussion - J. Kolb presented a draft of the "State of MN MFCRWD Final Order Establishing Project and Adopting Viewers Determination of Benefits for the Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project, Project CIP 10-01". See document. R. Hodapp read #21-31 for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted 5-0 to adopt the Findings and Order. C. Anderson presented three payment options for the financial portion of the Project; see form. After discussion a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to accept Option #2 directing C. Anderson to proceed as stated; see Nest Lake 2012 Estimate Assumptions. The motion passed 5-0. J. Ruter stated Nest Lake Association will be sending out a mailing further explaining the Project.

10. Administrator's Report:

10.a. Review of Calendar-Add CAC meeting 10-20-11 at noon at the Spicer Castle.

10.b. Review of Project Status

10.b.1. Belgrade Stormwater project update-Project should be done within several weeks. S. Jacobson has conducted a site review and no work had been started as of yet. S. Jacobson stated survey work has begun.

10.b.2. Diamond Lake TMDL update-EPA officially approved the Project September 21, 2011. After EPA approval, MPCA will now look at the proposed implementation plan. Upon MPCA approval of the implementation plan, the WD will begin searching for implementation funding.

10.b.3. BMP Installation Updates: Dybevik, Brekke, Island View Resort-All three projects

have been completed and photos were reviewed of the Island View Resort project. V. Glieden-Henjum stated that the resort owners (Island View) will not mow the top 15 feet prior to the slope. Resort owners stated that they will post before and after photos of the project within the resort cabins, to help promote natural shorelines.

10.b.4. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve a check for work on the Island View Resort project for \$6162.00; the check was not included with the bills to pay/Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

10.b.5. Update on lake restoration efforts in the headwaters of the watershed- V. Glieden-Henjum met with the property owner to further discuss financial incentives put forth by the WD. R. Annis declined the offer and the project is on hold once again. The Board discussed the option of working with L. Engelby, County Ditch Authority, on possible two-stage ditch implementation rather than a traditional ditch cleanout. At least in this manner, some sort of water quality improvement feature could be implemented. C. Anderson will bring up the idea with L. Engelby.

10.b.6. STREAM Education Program update-V. Glieden Henjum and S. Jacobson have provided educational seminars on macroinvertebrates and their relationship to water quality to NL-S and ACGC schools with BBE scheduled for next month.

10.c. Administrative Matters-

10.c.1. Future office needs update-The Board reviewed the letter dated 10-4-11 from the City of Spicer discussing the 1.6 acres of land that will be acquired by the City on Woodcock Boulevard. The boundaries are undetermined at this time. No action taken.

10.c.2. K-7-11 Emerald Bay Shoreland Restoration (Diamond Lake)-This is a stream stabilization restoration project that was previously approved. A small piece of land that needs to be included in this project belongs to a different owner. All property owners will need their own permit. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve contract K-7-11 Emerald Bay Shoreline Restoration project – there is no dollar value associated with this contract, it is exclusively for the purpose of the maintenance clause. The motion passed 5-0.

10.c.3. Q3 Actual Expenditures were reviewed by the Board, see form.

10.c.4. CAC Annual meeting is scheduled 10/20/11 at the Spicer Castle.

10.c.5. CAC Annual Member Appointment-See form stating current members. Marlys Larson of Spicer will be added to the list. The Board discussed the need to recruit members with an agricultural background. Glieden Henjum stated she will contact the Corn and Soybean Growers Associations and extend an invitation to join the CAC. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the list with the addition of M. Larson. The motion passed 5-0.

10.c.6. BMP Vouchers: K-3-11, K-5-10, K-6-10- A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve vouchers: K-3-11 (\$6120.00), K-5-10 (\$7632.00) and K-6-10 (\$7632.00). The motion passed 5-0.

10.d. Follow up on September administrative matters-

10.d.1. BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants update- Three grant proposals were submitted in September. Our proposals (Conservation Drainage with farmers, Stormwater retrofitting around Green Lake and Stream Bank and Shoreline Restoration within the WD) were submitted as the 12th, 14th and 19th proposals received by BWSR. C. Anderson will send out the drafts electronically to Board members for their review.

11. Legal Counsel Report-none.

12. Public Access Forum-C. Anderson stated the WD received an invitation to the Ag Show (March 13 & 14, 2012) and the Board requested our presence. C. Anderson also commented on the potential Dougherty (Nest Lake) project costs. Although the overall project is estimated at \$52,000-\$75,000 and

will consume much of the remaining CWP Continuation BMP budget, C. Anderson recommended the Board consider moving forward with this project due to the water quality benefits and the potential difficulties in securing BWSR grant funds for this project. The CROW Joint Powers Board has offered potential financial assistance, and Kandiyohi SWCD will contribute some money to stabilize the toe of the bank. The WD assistance could be estimated at \$19,000-\$35,000. Glieden Henjum stated she spoke with the lowest bidder on the project in hopes that the start date could be soon. The property owners still have the contract. This issue will be brought up in November.

13. A motion was made by J, Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary