

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

November 1st, 2010
174 Lake Avenue North
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, G. Behm, R. Hodapp, B. Wing, and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator; S. Jacobson-Technician; C. Meehan-Wenck Engineering, B. Nelson- Nest Lake and M. Larson of Spicer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. District Mission statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was read by Chairman Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Minutes of October 5th Board Meeting
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. November bills to pay
7. Permit #10-16 Sandquist cabin construction on Diamond Lake
8. Permit #10-17 Hughes demolition/home construction on Green Lake
9. Permit #10-18 Kuznia home construction on Green Lake
10. Permit #10-19 Hanson home construction on Green Lake
11. Permit #10-20 Ryan cabin demolition on Diamond Lake
12. Permit #10-21 Duininck home construction on Green Lake
13. Permit #10-22 Olson home construction on Green Lake

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Nest Lake Curly Leaf Pondweed Petition Engineer’s Report was presented by C. Meehan. Two copies of the Report were provided to the Watershed District Board for their review, and one copy was provided to the Nest Lake Improvement Association (NLIA). C. Meehan stated that the NLIA has chosen Option #3 Herbicide & Harvester Treatment. Spot treatment with an herbicide has been planned for 80 acres; whereas, 200 acres will be harvested for water navigation purposes. \$106 per acre per year is the estimated cost determined thus far. B. Nelson asked how the cost for the Nest Lake Project compares to similar projects. Meehan stated that the Sauk River WD costs were much higher because the Sauk paid for maintenance of equipment. R. Hodapp inquired about the time factor for the project. Project time was estimated at 4-5 years with intensity decreasing over time. No specific data exists for long term answers. C. Anderson proposed a question for A. Ripple who could not attend the meeting; A. Ripple had questioned the financial planning for the equipment needed for the project. C. Meehan stated that most

Watershed Districts treat the equipment like any other major purchase. Some Districts pay in one lump sum and some pay over time. B. Nelson stated the NLIA would like to maintain ownership of the equipment and requests that the WD lease it from the NLIA. C. Anderson stated he would verify options with the MPCA as to the potential availability of low interest loan options. Some funds (septic loans, BMP funds) specific to water quality may be available. The next steps are for the WD Board to officially accept the Engineers Report, request an Advisory Report from BWSR and DNR, the appointment of appraisers by the Board, final hearing on petition and reports, and then project establishment. The Board directed C. Anderson to send a copy of the Engineers Report to BSWR and DNR and to request Advisory Reports from each agency. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to accept the Nest Lake Curly Leaf Pondweed Engineering Report. The motion passed. A copy of this report will be sent to BSWR and the DNR by C. Anderson. C. Meehan and C. Anderson will work together to release an RFP for appraisers. Appraiser information will be available at the December meeting. Appraisers could start working on some components this fall/winter. A Public Hearing will be scheduled in the summer 2011, when the appraisers' report is complete.

15. Administrator's Report

15. a Review of Calendar

15. b. Review of Project Status

15. b.1 Clean Water Partnership Continuation Grant

15. b.1.a Dybevik and Brekke Shoreland Stabilization update on Diamond Lake is moving along as planned.

15. b.1 b Cost share contract K-7-10 C. Holstad wetland buffer and grazing management project. This project is located northeast of New London and R. Hilbert- Kandiyohi County Feedlot officer proposed the initial request. C. Holstad would like to plant native vegetation to provide stability to a sloped area near a wetland. Once established, the area is to be periodically grazed. S. Jacobson conducted a site visit, reviewed the request, and consulted with M. Leach-MPCA who did approve of the project. An early start in November is requested by the property owner and Prairie Restorations will be contacted for a quote. C. Holstad has an "Open Lot Agreement" with Kandiyohi County. This program allows the County to inspect the property and allow the land owner to correct any problems identified over a period of up to 10 years, ending in 2010, thus avoiding a penalty. The WD is not able to use funds for any work that is considered required, or for any work that had be done prior to any cost share agreement. The "Open Lot Agreement" was signed in 2005. The property has a fence, which is 50 feet back from the wetland. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve cost share agreement K-7-10 Holstad wetland buffer and grazing management project.

15. c. Administrative Matters

15. c.1 Future office needs-The Board had previously viewed property and discussed the possibility of purchase. G. Behm stated an estimate provided to him for updating the property for handicap accessibility and other changes was \$17,000-20,000. A. Ripple had sent (via email) his concerns of financing, stating

the WD could not use General Bonds but could borrow from the counties they serve. The WD could also look towards local Economic Development funds. A. Ripple also stated he would be reluctant to enter into any internal financing that may reduce liquidity of funds. The Board discussed these concerns raised and other options. The Board decided to ask the Building Committee to meet again at the December MAWD conference and review the situation. C. Anderson will post this meeting.

15. c.2 Contract amendment K-4-10 Behm Conservation Drainage. The original cost share amount of \$1300 was lower than actual cost and an amendment to the original contract to contain the new cost share amount of \$1508.10 was recommended. A motion was made by B. Hodapp and seconded by B. Wing to amend K-4-10 Behm Conservation Drainage contract to \$1508.10. The motion passed with G. Behm abstaining.

15. c.3 Agreement for custody of pledged securities. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the \$100,000 securities documents. The motion passed.

15. c.4 The STORET water quality data submittal process for MPCA is complete. This is the clearinghouse for all MN data, which requires entry by October 31st.

15. c.5 Administrator vacation. C. Anderson requested and received approval for vacation November 11-21st.

15. c.6 MAWD Annual Conference Delegate and Proxy Appointments were made. Delegates will be R. Hodapp and R. Schaefer with the B. Wing as Alternate.

15. d. Follow up on October administrative matters

15. d.1 BMP recording update-All of Kandiyohi county 2007, 2008 and 2009 property descriptions have been updated. Stearns and Meeker County last recorded deeds are not available online, and therefore will have to be recorded in December.

16. Legal Counsel Report-none

17. Public Access Forum- G. Behm and J. Kavanagh of Ducks Unlimited have met with the property owners on Hubbard, Wheeler, and Schultz Lakes to see if they would approve of a temporary draw down as part of a project to improve water quality in the chain of lakes and Diamond Lake. The potential project would involve 9 property owners, 7 major, and 2 minor pieces of property. The general opinion was favorable.

M. Larson thanked the Board and staff for their work.

18. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Submitted by
Ruth Schaefer
Secretary