

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
February 3rd, 2009
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, G. Behm, R. Hodapp, R. Zenner, R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator; S. Jacobson-Technician, A. Ripple-Attorney, T. Fischer-BSWR, T. Bonde-Technical Advisor, D. & J. Ruter of Nest Lake, C. Filley of Spicer Design Committee and Nest Lake and T. Schaefer of SWCD.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed.
4. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed. R. Zenner asked if the WD has budgeted sufficient funds for Conway Death expenses. C. Anderson stated he will review and report back to the Board if a shortfall is anticipated.
5. A motion was made to approve the February bills to pay by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm. The motion passed.
6. Spicer Design Committee funding requested for the Lion's Park project-C. Anderson and C. Filley. C. Anderson stated that funds from the MN Waters Grant will not cover the entire project cost of this shoreline restoration project. Cost estimates are thought to be \$27,000. C. Anderson requested additional funds from the WD general fund. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Lions Park Public Education & Shoreline Restoration Project and funds up to \$4000.00. The motion passed.

7. Administrator's Report:

7.a. Review of Calendar

7.b. Review of Project Status

7.b.1. Nest Lake petition was created by members and S. Jacobson provided assistance. Nest Lake has requested funds from the DNR for treatment of curly leaf pondweed . Treatment would consist of chemical and mechanical harvesting. D.Ruter asked about the cost of a \$2000 bond. A. Ripple explained the law and the process. The Nest Lake Association will be providing information to all property owners. D. Ruter stated that the harvester has been repaired once again. The Lake Association continues to search for a new weed cutter in hopes of purchase.

7.b.2. Green Lake Inlet Partnership update-A meeting has been scheduled Senator Chaudhary at his St. Paul office. The Senator wants to create a Bill for the Green

Lake Inlet Project, with the WD as the financial managers of the funds. The Bill would address stormwater management and decreasing the spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil.

7.b.3. MN Waters Grant update-see Spicer Design Committee update.

7.b.4. Cassmann Shoreland Restoration update-Nest Lake contract K-1-09. Project cost is estimated at \$5,500. Cassmann did fulfill the obligations required by the WD. All required permits were obtained.

7.b.5. Hydrogen Sulfide Report-L. Hatch of HDR has reviewed the options available to the City of New London/WD. The Mill Pond dam will be a fixed crest type and therefore will not allow for any draw down treatments. Other options reviewed were determined to be "unlikely due to cost". L. Hatch did suggest an official report be written to formally review all previous obtained data and create an official report. Estimated cost of such report would be \$6,000. The cost would not include any physical changes in the situation. See letter from HDR dated 1-20-09 from L. Hatch to the WD. R. Hodapp and C. Anderson discussed the crest type dam. T. Bonde stated that the DNR has been aerating the area at considerable expense to the DNR and the City of New London. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to table the request from L. Hatch-HDR for a diagnostic study at this time. The motion passed.

7.b.6. Belgrade Stormwater update-C. Anderson stated that J. Michels has met with MN DOT and common ground has been found in some of the ideas put forth. MN DOT has agreed to cover 40% of the cost. J. Michels continue to determine cost estimations. Cost of moving enough dirt for replacement of the 18" will be the biggest cost item. Right away costs are expected to be minimal. C. Anderson will inform the Board once the study has been completed.

7.b.7. Diamond Lake Wastewater Committee update-Ballots were sent to all property owners (300) around Diamond Lake for their choice of wastewater treatment options. Ballots are being stored at the WD office and will be tabulated by the Diamond Lake Wastewater Committee and S. Jacobson at the office.

7.c. Administrative Matters

7.c.1. C. Koch BMP cost share project (contract K-13-07) located upstream of Nest Lake. SWCD shored up the bank to prevent further erosion with rock veins that redirected the flow of the river more towards the center. R. Reimer brought into the WD an invoice from the contractor involved with this project. The invoice, which did not match the original estimate (see K-13-07) for excavation work, was \$4,000 over estimate. An amendment to the contract would need to be modified if approved by the Board. The Board discussed the time delay in this matter, which was a concern to the Board. Technically the project is not complete until it is paid in full. The property owner is responsible for turning in all receipts in a timely matter. A motion to delay payment of the invoice until further information can be obtained, was made by R. Zenner and seconded by R.Schaefer. The motion passed.

7.c.2. Gary Westby scholarship contribution request from Kevin Acquard NL-S schools. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve a \$500.00 donation. Last year's, Westby intern was Alex Nelson, who spent 80 hours assisting in WD projects (shoreline, monitoring activities). The motion passed.

7.c.3. MAWD Legislative Breakfast-C. Anderson will attend.

7.c.4. 2008 tax return processing-WD does not file a tax return.

7.c.5. Administrator annual performance review will be scheduled at 6:30 pm prior to the March 3rd meeting.

7.c.6. Board of Managers Term Expiration: J. Flanders and R. Hodapp. Each manager will contact their respective county office and inform them of their intent to continue to serve on the Board. The Board of Managers serve at the discretion of their County Commissioners.

7.d. Follow up on January administrative matters.

7.d.1. 2008 audit scheduled February 5-6th.

7.d.2. Reports: Volunteer Monitoring, TMDL, WD annual are completed. C. Anderson continues to work on the CWLA report. The E-Link Report deadline has been extended till March 1st, 2009.

7.d.3. Bank CD maturity and future account-C. Anderson, G. Behm stated that the CD can not be renewed. The money will transferred into a money market fund. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by J. Flanders to transfer the CD funds to a money market fund. The motion passed.

8. Legal Counsel Report-A. Ripple no further comments.

9. Public Access Forum-C. Anderson stated that he would attend the SWCD March meeting.

10. Adjourn-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary

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