

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
April 19th, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Dethlefs Center,
Spicer, MN**

Present: Gordy Behm, Joe Flanders, Robert Hodapp, Robert Zenner and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Julie Klocker-Administrator; Maggie Leach-MPCA; Wayne Fleischhacker and James Bonine of New London; Ann Latham, Dan Goetzman and Joel Peterson of Spicer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7:00 pm.
2. Motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the agenda as stated. The motion passed.
3. Motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Board of Manager March 8th, 2007 minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report- G. Behm stated that the collateral requirements of the Watershed District funds have been met and will continue to be met by Home State Bank. J. Klocker requested a format change which would allow for a general ledger format. Motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Treasurer's Report format change. The motion passed. See April Treasurer Report.
5. Motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the April bills to pay. The motion passed. See attached report.
6. Mill Pond Erosion concerns: Wayne Fleischhacker and James Bonine presented their concerns as Bill Gossman was unable to attend. Both property owners stated that their shoreline is experiencing considerable deterioration due to the horsepower used by the Little Crow Ski Club's practice sessions. Practice is reportedly held 4-5 hours per day, 4-5 days per week. J. Bonine stated that the rock riprap he installed 4 years ago has eroded. A discussion took place on the water quality impact and sediment concerns. J. Klocker stated that the WD has no authority in this matter at this time. Monitoring of the sediment has not been done and may provide useful data. J. Bodine stated he would assist with monitoring. Monitoring would need to be implemented prior to the May 20th start date of the Little Crow Ski team. Other issues discussed were: no wake zones, previous efforts at a compromise and boating laws.
7. Office space: D. Goetzman stated that he was approached by an established business that was interested in renting the entire old Firehall Building. If terms are agreed upon, then the WD would need to continue their search for new office space. D. Goetzman stated he would update the Board and Administrator as soon as possible and apologized for any inconvenience to the WD. Motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G.

Behm authorizing the Chairman and Administrator to enter into lease agreement with D. Goetzman for office space pending legal approval. The motion passed.

8. Overview of Project and Petition Process: J. Klocker presented the following information to the Nest Lake Association. See outline of information presented, below are the discussion points :

- "Fiscal Management" discussion: GIS equipment/other equipment, staff time, trucks/boats are approved expenditures for the Survey and Data Acquisition Fund. No on the ground projects though. The Survey and Data Acquisition Fund is a state law allowing an additional levy once every 5 years. The **balance** of this fund can not exceed \$50,000. Expenditures must keep the balance under the set amount of \$50,000.
- "Who Can Petition?"-Property owners must be bonded as part of the petition process.
- "If accepted... by the Board". Degree of benefit must be stated as part of the Assessments of Benefits. A petitioner can back out of the process at any time during the process as they are liable for costs of the process. Rejection is a possibility if it entails a project not in the Comprehensive Plan. Accepting a valid petition, does not guarantee that the project will be completed.

J. Klocker will attend the April 26th New London Township meeting to discuss the Nest Lake issues. J. Peterson asked if some one down stream can petition a project. J. Klocker stated that the project would go through a legal review process.

-Ex. 25% (or greater) of the Nest Lake property owners request an Aquatic Plant Analysis. Nest Lake property owners would petition the New London Township or WD. The property owners would present their petition to the WD, who would then review the petition to determine legal merit. The WD Board could then give the Administrator approval to respond to the petition. Engineering firms would be contacted and an analysis would begin. As all of Nest Lake is in New London Township their petition would be less complicated than those crossing township lines.

9. Board per Diem policy-See draft of policy.

10. Summary of Closed Meeting: R. Hodapp reported that a closed meeting was held tonight at 6:30 pm -7:00 pm for the purpose of an Administrators 6 month review.

11. County Road 10 Project update: G. Behm stated that approximately 40 people attended the Public Hearing held in Spicer on April 12th, 2007. The main discussion centered on the differing opinions as to: bike paths, sidewalks and road width. The Spicer City Council will review public comments and render an opinion.

12. Administrators Report-J. Klocker reviewed the attached calendar and requested membership to NALMS. Motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the membership. The motion passed.

Lucas Youngsma, previously employed by the Shakopee Creek Watershed Project is available for temporary hire of monitoring/WD projects. J. Klocker requests assistance for installation of gauges and other spring projects. Motion was made by J. Flanders and

seconded by R. Zenner to hire L. Youngsma on a temporary basis at \$15.00 /hour for spring projects. The motion passed.

13. Open Discussion- the Board discussed changing the meeting nights and noted that the 3rd week is late in the month for paying bills etc. The best day noted by majority was Tuesday. As of June the meeting dates will change to the first Tuesday of the month. The May meeting will stay on the 17th. The remaining calendar was set at: June 5th, July 10th, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 5th Monday and December 4th .

G. Behm stated that a property owner in the Diamond Lake area is questioning if his property is in our WD.

As no other business was brought before the Board a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting .The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary

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