

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Meeting
May 6th, 2008
174 Lake Street
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Robert Zenner and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Chad Anderson-Administrator; Vanessa G. Henjum-Technician; Thomas Bonde-Technical Advisor; Maggie Leach-MPCA; Ralph Jansen & Terry Frazee-GLPOA; Elizabeth Christenson-Spicer; Doug Hanson-Kandiyohi SWCD; Marlys Larsen-Spicer and Steve Erickson-USFWS.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion passed.
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented by C. Anderson. See Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. The list of May bills to pay was presented and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the May bills to pay. The motion passed.
6. Wetland Restoration Project: S. Erickson updated the Board on the Fisher Lake Project in Colfax Township. For the last year, the USFWS and DNR have been working with multiple landowners on this restoration of over 200 acres. Most landowners are in favor of the restoration of the shallow lake by allowing Judicial Ditch #3 to flood the area. The basin is expected to be flooded within one year. The USFWS would pay landowners a one time cash amount for use of the property. Families in favor are D. Marquardt, M. Marquardt, Larson, and Hultgren. One property owner has not committed to the project and discussions are continuing. The Hultgren family has committed approximately 70 acres into conservation easements with the Dept of Agriculture. G. Behm offered to assist with discussions with property owners. The Board asked to be updated as developments occur.
7. Administrator's Report:
 - A. Review Calendar: May 10th Plant Identification Class
May 14th NEMO presentation by J. Michaels
 - B. Review of Project Status:
 - B.1. 319 Grant-The WD is still waiting for a response from MPCA.

B.2. County Road 10 Project-The WD held a meeting, which was attended by: Spicer Mayor and engineer, Kandiyohi County Commissioner, SWCD and Engineer, EOR Engineering, DNR, BWSR and 2 Board members and staff. After discussion of the matter, the decision was made that the City of Spicer will retract its request to the WD to purchase easements. The City of Spicer will work with the County to procure any necessary easements. The WD will be responsible for working with property owners to implement BMP projects that address stormwater issues. It was decided at the meeting tonight that J. Michels and C. Anderson will go door to door and meet with property owners to determine which properties would benefit the most with BMP projects. So far, J. Nelson is the only property owner to request assistance with shoreline restoration.

B.3. Diamond Lake Community Process-The Wastewater Committee met on May 2nd at the WD office. Kandiyohi County has given the contract for septic system compliance inspections to Wenck Engineering. Inspections and follow up report hope to be completed by the end of July. Each property owner will receive a report stating the results of their inspection.

B.4. Diamond Lake TMDL Study-Stream sampling for this project was carried out on April 7, 14th (snowmelt event) and 25th (rain event). The problem with the stream logger equipment has been resolved. May 5th the boat sampling started. The WD is logging stream discharge and stage; accompanying information with manual discharge measurements and water chemistry Open water sampling is scheduled. V. Henjum will schedule other dates for the lake sampling.

B.5. Shoreline Restoration Class-part III-The next class is scheduled for June 28th and will focus on landscaping/planting. Rory Michaelis property on Diamond Lake was chosen as a project site.

B.6. Volunteer Monitoring-The 2nd workshop was attended by 24 volunteers. Information will be entered on line by each volunteer. Ye Olde Mill Inn has been sold and the WD no longer will have access to the stream gauge which is located on the Inn's property. The WD will look for a different site. T. Bonde stated that Kandiyohi County constructed the gauge site and wondered if the original contract allowed for public access. C. Anderson stated he would look into the matter.

B.7. Volunteer Monitoring Grant Amendment has been fully executed.

B.8. Best Management Practices-Schaefer, Nelson and Hazel projects will be reviewed by J. Richardson of Prairie Restorations and V. Henjum. The projects are located on Calhoun and Green Lakes.

R. Michaelis project estimates were higher than expected and now project cost is estimated at \$10,000. The DNR has offered to cost share and the Diamond Lake Association has offered up to 10% up to \$1000 per year. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$7,500 or 75% of the approved project cost which ever is lower. The motion passed.

C. Administrative Matters

C.1. Green Lake EWM Management Plan-A presentation was made by R. Jansen and T. Frazee informing the Board that the DNR did do a partial survey of the EWM sites. The GLPOA would prefer to take a more proactive approach in the treatment of this invasive species. A survey of the problem plant is required by the DNR prior to any permit allowing treatment application. Steve McComas of Blue Water Science would perform the survey and provide treatment options to the GLPOA. Estimated cost of the survey is \$1500. The GLPOA is

requesting a contribution of \$750 to match their contribution of \$750 for the survey. Technical advice was provided by T. Bonde as to the merit of treating such a small amount of EWM, as the previous survey done by S. McComas stated that the Green Lake basin would not provide the correct habitat for the proliferation of EWM. After further discussion by the Board, a motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to contribute \$750 towards the cost of the Green Lake EWM Survey. The motion passed. T. Frazee stated that the WD would receive a copy of the survey.

C.2. Low interest loan request-Twyla Marquardt Hoffman, of the New London area requested low interest loan for a septic upgrade. Total project cost is estimated at \$3000. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the loan request of \$3000. The motion passed.

C.3. The WD quarterly reports are now up to date.

C.4. The Substitution of Collateral form has been sold as required by the bank.

C.5. Schaefer shoreline project K-4-07 estimate of total project has increased due to the increase in the size of the project. New estimates are \$7,500. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$5441.25 or 75% of the approved project cost, whichever is less for the WD. The motion passed and R. Schaefer abstained from voting.

D. Follow up on April Administrative Matters

D.1. District vehicle will be available in May. Minnesota sales tax and licensing fees are estimated at \$1300-\$1400. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the tax and licensing fees of up to \$1400. The motion passed.

D.2. Credit cards will be obtained for the Administrator, Staff Technician, and Treasurer. A policy will need to be written prior to use by staff. C. Anderson will check into other WD policy statements and report back to the Board.

D.3. Computer for the intern will be postponed until after the Intern begins work approximately the second week of June.

D.4. Phone system will be installed in May.

8. Public Access Forum-T. Bonde asked J. Flanders if the debris was ever removed from the river by his property. J. Flanders stated that the project should begin soon and he planned on taking before and after the clean out of 300-400 feet of river. Meeker County has pledged \$5000 towards the project.

9. As no other business was brought before the Board a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was closed at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
5-29-08

