

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Dethlef's Center  
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Robert Zenner and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Julie Klocker-Administrator; Maggie Leach-MPCA; Jerry Rasmussen-Kandiyohi SWCD and Peter Ebnet-MFCRWD Intern.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7:00 pm.
2. A motion was made to approve the agenda by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner. The motion passed.
3. The minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were reviewed and M. Leach-MPCA suggested a change of wording in the TMDL information. The revised sentence (#6 -sentence #6) will be "TMDL studies provide access to additional funds." A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve the May 17<sup>th</sup> minutes with the above noted change. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report was presented by J. Klocker-see report. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the June bills to pay. See the list of the June bills. The motion passed.
6. Request for professional services review and discussion was led by J. Klocker; see "Request for Professional Services" document. The WD needs engineering firms that can work on various locations, such as, homes /personal property within a city, farm areas and road projects. SWCD/NRCS engineering staff have been helpful with past projects however NRCS can not work on property within city limits. J. Klocker stated that she would send the request to appropriate firms and post in our official newspaper. An update on received information will be presented at our next meeting.
7. The meeting was closed at 7:30 pm for the purposes of the public meeting to change the principal place of business. The MFCRWD would like to move to larger quarters the new address would be 174 Lake Avenue North, in Spicer. The remodeled fire station building should be available in July. A public notice was placed in the official newspaper and a posting was placed at the current office. No objections were noted. The Board voted unanimously (5-0) in favor of passing, "Resolution 2007-07 Principal Place of Business". The public meeting was closed at 7:37 pm.

8. Clean Water Partnership/Loan Project Initiation Process: J. Klocker stated that the WD will obtain money in July through our “General Obligation” authority as part of grant reimbursement. See MEMO 6-5-07 “Information initialing a project and setting up the CWP loan program”. The Board reviewed the memo noting the difference between “projects” and Projects”. This memo meets the requirements of MN Statute 103D.605. The WD will have ongoing “projects” which can be managed by the WD staff; however, the “Projects” will always require Board approval. The Board will also need to comply with the State Environmental Review Process and MPCA will issue a public notice for Categorical Exclusions which means that they will not fund wastewater treatment projects only septic systems. Loans are available for 7 years for septic system projects with a 10 year pay back, by the property owner. The WD will pay funds back to the MPCA when the project is done and/or the WD exhausts all funds or the project ends.

The WD will apply for bonding authority through Dorsey & Whitney. The cost is the same for a \$200,000 loan or a \$400,000 loan. The Board decided to approve the larger amount of \$400,000. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2007—08 for “Resolution for a Project under a Clean Water Partnership Implementation Grants and Resolving Fund Programs, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103D.601”.

The motion was made by R. Zenner a seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed.

A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the “Resolution 2007-09 MFCRWD title “Clean Water Partnership Loan Agreement.” The motion passed.

9. Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Issues-J. Klocker. J. Klocker and P. Ebnet attended the Nest Lake Association Meetings where this matter was discussed. The Nest Lake Association is seeking assistance and guidance in management of this matter. J. Klocker discussed the matter with Chris Menck of Wenk Associates, who has experience with aquatic studies. An estimate of the diagnostic study and a report was stated as \$7,000-\$10,000. Appropriate paperwork was provided to the Nest Lake Association if they choose to request Watershed District funds and assistance. G. Behm asked if such a Project were to take place which funds would be used, grant funds or Watershed District funds. J. Klocker reported that funds would be taken from both budgets.

The Board discussed the value of such a Project for Nest Lake and the Watershed District. R. Zenner asked if there was any conflict of interest in his future decisions on this matter as his son purchased property on Nest Lake. The matter will be forwarded to legal counsel.

10. Liability Coverage Waiver Form-J. Klocker presented forms for such coverage. This is A renewal of existing insurance. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by Schaefer to approve the said Coverage for Liability as stated, see forms. The motion passed.

10. Administrators Report-J. Klocker

Green Lake Property Owners Association has agreed to cover the costs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring site on Green Lake. Cost is estimated at \$320.00.

11. Public Access:

- a. J. Klocker stated that Bill Gossman of New London is monitoring 2 sites and collecting chemistry samples. Sampling is taking place in the Mill Pond area.

As no further comments were made a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer  
Secretary

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