

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
174 Lake Ave.  
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Bruce Wing, and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Chad Anderson-Administrator; Vanessa G. Henjum & Sara Jacobson-Staff; Adam Ripple -Legal Counsel; Maggie Leach-MPCA and Harlan Meints-Diamond Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm 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 G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the July 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion passed.
4. The Treasurers Report was presented by C. Anderson, noting payment from Stearns County (\$1915.00), loan reimbursement funds (\$19,728.25) and MN Waters (\$2,000.00). A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing 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 August bills to pay. The motion passed. It was noted that Nest Lake was sent a refund check of \$1652 (\$2000 deposit less legal fees of \$348).
6. Stream Stabilization on CD #28 was to be presented by L. Engelby. No presentation made, item will be rescheduled to September meeting.
7. Administrator's Report:
  - 7.a. Review of Calendar-See calendar
  - 7.b. Review of Project Status
    - 7.b.1. Nest Lake update-C. Anderson stated Nest Lake Association will hire Wenck Engineering for their feasibility study.
    - 7.b.2. MN Waters grant update-Two signs will be posted in September in Lions Park-Spicer as part of the shoreline restoration project. See photos of the signage. All parties involved with this project previewed the signs. Walking paths are being installed in August.
    - 7.b.3. MPCA 319 grant update-WD staff was able to collect samples during the July 14<sup>th</sup> storm. Major progress was made during July on the County Road 10 BMP projects. By working with the City of Spicer and property owners, tentative agreements have been reached for a project on the north side of Green Lake. The project would involve the installation of

2 grit separation chambers along County Road 10. A series of riffles/pools in the channel of an ephemeral stream allow for the stream to drop sediment prior to entering Green Lake. This type of structure should aid in the overall reduction of total phosphorus reaching the lake. The City of Spicer committed \$7,000 to the project. The WD will use funds from the CWP and 319 grant. These grit chambers will need to be checked at least annually, or more often depending upon flow. The WD can not be involved in the maintenance of the grit chambers, but will assist in minor, routine maintenance of the channel – major maintenance will be the responsibility of the City of Spicer. As shown in the water quality samples collected on June 14, the majority of phosphorus entering the lake at Park Lane is not dissolved; the majority is bound to sediment particles. As such, the WD will need to reduce the amount sediment particles entering the lake in order to create the best impact. Samples obtained by Park Lane Resort during heavy rains have reached 2120 ppb (ecoregion average is 150 ppb). If the sediment can be separated and treated prior to arriving into Green Lake then the phosphorus levels should be reduced.

- 7.b.4. Diamond Lake TMDL and fish barrier update-The TMDL modeling can take up to 4-6 months and will be performed by Houston Engineering after this summer sampling is completed. The bulk of the actual report will be written by WD staff. The report will be sent to the EPA for their review and comments. Public notice of 30 days will then follow. An additional 30 days of no action/change is mandatory, this provides time for any legal action to be introduced.

The Diamond Lake fish barrier project is progressing slowly. The lake association requested assistance from the WD. The lake association and C. Anderson met with Leroy Dalhke-DNR Wildlife and B. Gilbertson-DNR Fisheries; Dahlke stated that RIM has funding available and offered to help with the application process. Funding from the WD (\$6,500) and the Lake Association (\$10,000) has been pledged previously. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$24,000 – RIM money could help provide up to 50%.

- 7.b.5. CWLA grant- The report was completed and submitted to MPCA. Unused funds totaling \$36,413.21 will be returned to BSWR. The WD completed 24 projects totaling \$160,000. A motion made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to return \$36,413.21 to BSWR. The motion passed.
- 7.b.6. Volunteer Monitoring grant final report has been completed and sent out. Volunteer monitoring services will continue to be provided through the Clean Water Funds. Unused funds of \$3,500 will be returned the State of MN.
- 7.b.7. BMP projects updates
- High Point Condominium- WD staff, J. Michels, and two of the property owners met to review the status of this project. More rip rap was added up to the dock area, which should address the owners concern..
  - Neer Park restoration will be planted on August 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. See photos.

- 7.b.8. New BMP project: Hegstrom raingarden project is located on County Road 10. Project size is 100 square feet and estimated at \$1235.50. Property owners chose Taatjes Landscaping Design. A motion made by R.Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to 75% of approved cost up to \$1300 for the Hegstrom raingarden. The motion passed.
- 7.b.9. V. Glieden Henjum presented CWP 2010 Educational Plan. If WD receives the requested funds, the staff would like to increase the education presence in the public school system within the WD. Willing 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would use funds from this grant to educate students on water quality issues. Teachers would be allowed to incorporate water quality components into their curriculum as they see best. Donations of approximately \$500 per school are being suggested. Last year New London-Spicer was the only school involved in the program. Next year the WD would like to include Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa (BBE) and V. Glieden-Henjum will work with B. Wing to seek contacts within the BBE school district. S. Jacobson will contact Atwater-Cosmos & Grove City (ACGC). H. Meints of Diamond Lake stated that he would request that Diamond Lake donate \$500 for the ACGC school system. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the CWP 2010 Education Plan if the WD receives funding. The motion passed
- 7. c. Administrative matters
  - 7.c.1. Crow River Cleanup is scheduled September 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8-12. R.Schaefer offered to organize the event. Previous clean up efforts have focused on fishing areas and places where people congregate. This year volunteers will be asked to canoe a stretch of the river and clean up the regular areas.
  - 7.c.2 Westby intern is Matt O'Brien. Matt worked with the WD intermittently during July.
  - 7.c.3. WD camera-C. Anderson requested funds to replace the older camera, which is not functioning well. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to \$600. The motion passed.
  - 7.c.4. Water cooler-Staff requested a water cooler for the office. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$200.00 for a water cooler and supplies. The motion passed.
- 7.d. Follow up on July Administrative matters
  - 7.d.1. Clean Water Partnership Continuation Proposal is still pending.
  - 7.d.2. 2010 Budget meetings are scheduled next week with Budget Committee members. The Public Meeting will be scheduled September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 pm prior to the monthly Board meeting. C. Anderson will post the Public Meeting according to the law.
  - 7.d.3. Watershed District Insurance-Our insurance company does have replacement insurance coverage. Cost of coverage would be \$50/premium. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the purchase of replacement vehicle coverage. The motion passed.
  - 7.d.4. Discussion of Watershed District rules-The Martinka property dispute is being addressed by the City of Spicer. C. Anderson has spoken with the

City of Spicer, Planning & Zoning about the situation. The final decision has not been made.

- 7.d.5. Board Summer Tour events were presented by S. Jacobson. Board members and Staff will tour 7-8 BMP projects on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A public tour will be planned for September. The group will meet at R. Schaefer's house .
- 7.d.6. A Resolution to amend the WD Bylaws was presented by A. Ripple. The Resolution was created to more accurately reflect the way in which the Board conducts their meetings. The Resolution was reviewed by the Board and staff. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to accept Resolution #2009-03 State of Minnesota Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District Resolution Amending District Bylaws. The motion passed.
- 7.d.7. Office Assignment-Legal Counsel, Staff, and the Board reviewed Article 6 of the Bylaws and discussed whether new nominations would need to be called for B. Wing to replace R. Zenner as Vice President. After further discussion, B. Wing stated he would feel comfortable with the Vice President position. It was decided that elections would not be held. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to nominate B. Wing as Vice President. The motion passed. B. Wing accepted the Vice President position.

8. Legal Counsel-no comments.

9. Public Comments-none

10. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was closed at 9:13 pm.

Submitted by

Ruth Schaefer  
8-13-09