

Middle Fork Crow River Water shed District

Board of Managers Meeting

September 6th, 2011

174 Lake Avenue North

Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, R. Hodapp, B. Wing, G. Behm and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator, S. Jacobson & V. Glieden-Henjum-Technicians; T. Fischer-BWSR; T. Schaefer-Kandiyohi SWCD and H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

A budget hearing open to the public was held prior to the Board of Managers meeting for the purpose of the 2012 Budget Hearing. The hearing was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp and the budget was reviewed and discussed by the Board. No public comment was offered. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the 2012 budget; the motion passed 5-0. The Public Hearing closed at 6:59 pm.

1. The meeting was called to order by R. Hodapp at 7:00 pm.

2 The District Mission Statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was read by R. Hodapp.

3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda with the addition of “2012 Budget” as 9.a. The motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the August 8th meeting minutes.
5. Treasurer’s report
6. September bills to pay.
7. Permit #11-12 Mahn Shoreline Restoration (Diamond Lake)
8. Permit #11-13 Rivard home construction (Diamond Lake)
9. CROW River Cleanup Day contribution \$300.00

A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Nest Lake Petition update-The final hearing for this Project will be held at the New London Town Hall at 6:30 pm on September 15th.

10.5. 2012 Budget-Mention of the fact the budget passed in the public hearing.

11. Administrative Report

11.a. Review of Calendar

11.b. Review of Project Status

11.b.1. Belgrade Stormwater project update-The City of Belgrade reported that some of the bids received were lower than the Engineers’ estimates. Engineers’ estimate for project is \$578,000.

11.b.2. Diamond Lake TMDL update-Correspondence received from M. Leach-MPCA estimated approval before the end of September. A meeting was attended by C. Anderson, G. Behm and Kandiyohi County Commissioners along with M. Deutschmann-Houston Engineering to address the concerns of the Soybean Growers Association and the Corn Growers Association regarding the TMDL. Concerns expressed were the perceptions that not enough public outreach was conducted and that agriculture was unfairly targeted. The discussion assuaged the concerns of the Associations.

11.b.3. BMP Installation Updates: Dybevik; Brekke and Mahn-V. Glieden-Henjum stated this project is approximately 200 feet of continuous shoreline restoration. The WD partnered with SWCD (R. Riemer) on this project. The Mahn portion of the project is still underway.

11.b.4. Update on wetland restoration efforts in headwaters of watershed. The Fisher Lake restoration project, located in Colfax Township has been in the discussion stage in the MFCRWD since 2008 and well before that with other agencies. This project involves the partnership efforts of US Fish & Wildlife Services (S. Erickson-see previous presentation to the WD), SWCD, RIM funds and Ducks Unlimited and six property owners. Five owners are in favor of the project. V. Glieden-Henjum had maintained contact with the opposing owner; she was able to convey options available, which may be financially advantageous. Restoration of this project entails 271 acres which the WD could partner with owners to enhance the financial incentives. Discussion occurred on the value of: wetlands restoration, water quality improvement and agricultural involvement. US Fish & Wildlife (USFWS) has requested that the WD participate in an effort to restore Fisher Lake in Colfax Township, Kandiyohi County. The WD has an existing incentive program to provide financial assistance for the voluntary restoration of wetlands and imposition of permanent easements. The restoration of Fisher Lake is consistent with the WD district goals contained in the Comprehensive Plan. The Board authorizes staff to work with the USFWS to offer a financial incentive if needed for landowners willing to participate in the project. This motion was offered by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer; the motion passed 5-0.

11.c. Administrative matters

11.c.1. Future office needs-J. Kolb stated that the WD would need to bond any funds used to build a new office.

11.c.2. MAWD Annual Meeting Resolutions and Awards-no resolutions from MFCRWD.

11.c.3. GIS software purchase-A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. - Flanders to purchase Arc View GIS software for up to \$1400. The motion passed 5-0 and S. Jacobson will order the software and undergo training.

11.c.4. MFCRWD Salaries Comparison with other WD was reviewed and our salaries are in within the midrange of area Districts.

11.c.5. Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project update-final hearing to be held September 15 at the New London Town Hall.

11.c.6. K-6-11 Emerald Bay Shoreland Restoration (Diamond Lake)-This project has three (O'Leary, Lang and Ryan) property owners who request funding to stabilize the stream and add a 15' buffer strip on the south side of the lake. Cost share of 75% up to \$10,875 was requested. V. Glieden-Henjum stated one parcel is owned by three people; J. Kolb stated each property owner will need to sign the cost share contract. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve cost share agreement K-6-11 contingent upon receipt of a completed cost share contract by each property owner involved with the project. The motion passed 5-0 and CWP Continuation funds would be available.

11.d. Follow-up on August administrative matters

11.d.1. BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants update-C. Anderson presented 3 different proposals. Proposal #1- Conservation Drainage Funds project- This project could decrease nitrates by 58% and phosphorus by 54% by rotating tile water through a woodchip bioreactor. Three property owners are potential participants. The project also included 4-5 rock inlets to be installed

instead as a replacement to open tile inlets. Estimated cost of grant is about \$50,000. Proposal#2-Green Lake Stormwater Retrofit project-This project involves implementation of stormwater retrofits to be installed around Green Lake to improve stormwater quality. C. Anderson met with G. Danielson-Kandiyohi County Engineer to discuss one of the aspects of the project, which he supported. Proposal#3 is a variety of stream bank and shoreland restoration projects throughout the watershed.

11.d.2. Website redesign update- V. Glieden-Henjum underwent training on maintaining the new site.

11.d.3. AIS Intern- 2011 ended in August and the 2012 program will be revised over winter.

11.d.4. Cameron Ridge Development update-Another invoice for EOR consulting time has been received for \$2000 for L. Tillman's time. The revised project design meets the WD Requirements for stormwater with minor reasonable exceptions the revised project design. S. Jacobson is inspecting the site.

11.d.5. Michaelis Shoreline-V. Glieden-Henjum is in contact with the property owner and the property is up for sale. The WD will continue to monitor the situation and assist the new owners as necessary.

12. Legal Counsel Report-none.

13. Public Access Forum- none.

14. A motion to adjourn was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer
Secretary