MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN

Present: B. Wing, J. Flanders, R. Schaefer; absent G. Behm; R. Hodapp of the Board.
D. Erickson-WD staff; R. Imdieke-Kandiyohi County Commissioner and B. Bliss-CAC nominee.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President-B. Wing.

2. District Mission Statement
   “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed”

3. Review/approve the agenda-J. Flanders request that Olaf Johnson project request be added as 6.d.
   Motion made by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the revised agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

(The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member).

4. Approve the minutes of the January 6 meeting

5. Treasurer’s Report
   Motion by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Administrator’s Report:
   a. Review Calendar/District Activities- D. Erickson reviewed the calendar for February. B. Wing will check with M. Johnson on the 1W1P meeting on the 22nd (Policy or Advisory). March 21st D. Erickson, J. Morales and possibly E. Jenson will present AIG-Accelerated Implementation Grant information to the Spicer City Council.
   b. Administrative matters
      1. Citizen’s Advisory Membership Additional Recruits- D. Erickson introduced the 3 new nominees for the CAC. They are: D. Cochran-DNR Fisheries; E. Buntje-George Lake and B. Bliss who is new to this area and was introduced at the meeting. Motion by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the 3 nominees. Motion passed 3-0.
      2. Earth Day Donation-D. Erickson discussed the theme of this year event and possible topics for a panel presentation; such as the new buffer law. Board members expressed concern over a topic that some may view as contentious. Motion made by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve a donation of $400.
3. 2016 Audit – Westberg Eischens – Audit is scheduled March 13th – 16th. Motion made by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the scheduled audit in March, not to exceed $8,250. Motion passed 3-0.

c. Follow up on January administrative matters-March meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.
d. Joe Flanders was approached by land owner Olaf Johnson of Meeker county, east of the highway 4 bridge. His farm land abuts the Middle Fork Crow River and due to erosion, he estimates he is losing 3-4 feet a year. Pictures of the farm land which is east of the Lilleberg, property were reviewed by the Board. The Lilleberg property was the site of a river bank erosion control project last year. J. Flanders stated the WD staff drive by it when they sample the Manannah site. J. Flanders contacted the Meeker County ditch inspector and will arrange with WD staff to view the site. Motion by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Flanders to coordinate a meeting with the Meeker County Engineer (Ronald Mortenson), Ditch Inspector and WD to view the property and determine options available for the property owner. Motion passed 3-0. R. Schaefer asked that this be added to the March agenda for follow up.

7. Public Access Forum -R. Schaefer presented a MAWD update: Current dues for 2017 will stay the same with the increase scheduled for 2018; reviewed the Legislative agenda (see entire list on the MAWD web site).
8. Motion by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary