MEETING MINUTES

Present: J. Hedtke Wing – Board Manager, R. Schaefer Wing – Board Manager, B. Wing – Board Manager, M. Johnson – Staff, R. Imdieke – Kandiyohi County Commissioner, M. Larson – public

1. Call the meeting to order: B. Wing called the meeting to order at 5pm.

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

3. Release of the North Fork One Watershed One Plan for 60-day review to Plan Review Authorities: A motion was made by R. Schaefer to release the North Fork Crow One Watershed One Plan for the 60-day review to plan review authorities. The motion was seconded by J. Hedtke. M. Johnson presented the “60-day Review Period for North Fork Crow 1W1P.”

4. Joint Hearing Options—A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Hedtke to have M. Johnson coordinate a joint public hearing. Motion passed.

5. Designated MFCR Watershed District Representative—A motion was made by R. Schaefer to nominate B. Hodapp to represent the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District at the Public Hearing and nominated b. Wong as the alternate, should B. Hodapp be unable to attend. The motion was seconded by J. Hedtke. Motioned passed.

6. Public Access Forum:
   a. Marlys Larson was wondering if the Board had heard of Jim VanDerPol, who wrote the book Conversations with the Land. She also touched on Organic Farming and the need for more folks to try.
   b. J. Hedtke said a lot more people are asking questions about strip-till/no-till practices. Producers are needing more education about it, more information to try. But know there is an advantage.
   c. R. Schaefer would like the District to consider using The No-till Farmer magazine as a tool.

7. Adjourn: J. Hedtke motioned to adjourn at 5:34PM
60-Day Review Period for North Fork Crow 1W1P

Review the Operating Procedures for Pilot Watersheds

VI. Plan Development Procedures

3. Formal Review and Public Hearing

- Policy Committee reviews final draft (January 3rd)
- Policy Committee approves plan and authorizes individual Boards to release for 60-day comment
- Link to plan will be provided by CROW to each of the LGUs
- Comments are sent to CROW & BWSR
- LGU initiates 60-day comment by sending link to plan review authorities (Jan-early Feb) along with cover letter
- CROW, HEI and LGUs coordinate to develop responses to comments (ongoing)
- Public hearings are held (at least 14 days after close of the public comment period). We should coordinate jointly held public hearings.