MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS SPECIAL MEETING
October 3rd, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN


1. The meeting was called to order by R. Hodapp at 6:30 pm.
2. 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. Motion to approve the agenda was made by G. Behm, seconded by S. Braegelman. Motion passed 4-0.
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
   a. 2019-09-03 Regular Meeting Minutes
   b. 2019-10-03 Treasurer’s Report
   C. 2019-10-03 Income and Expense
   Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by R. Schaefer, second by G. Behm. Motion passed 4-0.

   REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review of Project / Permit Status:
   a. North Fork One Watershed One Plan – M. Johnson reported on the implementation of the plan. The first pilot funding received for 2018-2019 has been assigned to projects. The next round of funding expires 12-2021. Staff are meeting once per month, utilizing a point system to determine the priority of projects. Funding for fiscal year 2021 is $1,120,477. The Wright County SWCD will accept funding for Plan Coordinator if there is a commitment to the Plan for at least 10 years. BWSR would allow 20% of the funds to go towards Administration. R. Imdieke asked if commitments were made at the meeting. M. Johnson reported that only rate was discussed.
   b. WRAPS II – Upper Mississippi North Fork project – M. Johnson stated the Project is now on Phase II. We have funding for 7 projects, including TMDL on lakes. J. Morales and A. Johnson canoed the river and took over 300 photos. The 50 miles of river went from lake Koronis to French Lake.
   c. Review Calendar –Calendar reviewed.

6. District Matters
   a. Well sealing Application of Program Funds: Geotzman – The board discussed the project request for funding. The board reviewed the criteria for funding. Motion made by R. Schaefer, seconded by G. Behm to decline the funding request as it is not consistent with the 1W1P. Motion passed 5-0.
   b. Well sealing Application of Program Funds: Franzen – The board reviewed the request. Motion to decline the request was made by S. Braegelman, seconded by R. Schaefer. Motion passed 5-0.
   c. Diamond Lake Association – Budget change – Diamond Lake Board hired Limno Pro to conduct an extensive survey of the CLPW treatment. Diamond Lake Association is asking that the WD increase their budget to $80,000. Treatment of 83 acres is planned for 2020. The DNR will allow
up to 90 acres treated. Previously only 20 acres was treated in 2017 and 2018. Current cash balance is $6,000. The Diamond Lake Association budget will need to change to accommodate the increased acreage treated. The assessment to the landowners will increase. The WD/fiscal agent will determine costs prior to July 30th annually. The increase missed the 2019 deadline. The expenditure does meet the WD criteria. A revised plan has been submitted. Motion to approve the work plan and to authorize the certification of an assessment to meet the proposed budget was made by R. Schaefer. Motion seconded by S. Braegelman; motion passed 5-0.

d. Boundary change – M. Johnson stated the BSWR Public Meeting will be held October 10th, 7:00 pm at the NFCRWD office.

e. New London Project Work Plan – A 2015 Board decision on the analysis completed on potential projects. See the New London Project Work Plan document. Motion to approve the New London Stormwater Projects Work Plan MOA was made by S. Braegelman, second by G. Behm. The motion passed 5-0.

f. Performance Evaluation – Meeting scheduled October 14th at 6:00 pm.

7. Previous District Matters -none

8. Board Manager Matters -none

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   a. Personnel Subcommittee Personnel Policy Handbook – M. Johnson reviewed the updated handbook. See document. J. Morales addressed the Board with his concerns of a perceived lost benefit. After further discussion, the Board asked M. Johnson to inquire what other WD provide. The subcommittee information was tabled to November.

10. Legal Counsel Report - J. Kolb reported that no progress has been made on the Nest Lake dam issue. Also the approved WD Rules are going to Wenck Engineering for review.

11. Public Access Forum - The BSWR Self-Assessment forms were handed into to M. Johnson. The Board and staff presented G. Behm with a plaque honoring his 15 years of serving on the Board. G. Behm has decided to retire from the Board, he has served since the creation of the Watershed District.

12. Motion was made by S. Braegelman, seconded by G. Behm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0 and the meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer

Secretary