

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
January 6, 2009
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Robert Zenner, and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Chad Anderson-Administrator, Sara Jacobson-Technician, Tom Bonde-Technical Advisor, and Doug Hanson-SWCD.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. A motion was made by J. Flanders and G. Behm to approve the agenda.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the December minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report was presented by C. Anderson. See report, it was noted that the last of the County levy (\$8,000) has been paid to the Watershed District. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Treasurers Report, subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. January bills to pay was presented by C. Anderson and reviewed by the Board. A motion was by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the January bills. The motion passed.
6. Rules Update-The official Rules have been filed in all four counties within the Watershed District and later will be posted on the Watershed District website.
7. Administrators' Report:
 7. a. Review of Calendar
 7. b. Review of Project Status:
 7. b.1. Diamond Lake TMDL Project Update- The first public meeting was held in Atwater on December 10th. Over 62 people in attendance heard an overview of the TMDL purpose and process thus far. Another meeting will be in late spring/early summer. Presenters were C. Anderson, M. Deutschman, and V. Glieden Henjum.
 7. b.2. Cassmann Shoreland restoration of Nest Lake-See handout of pictures depicting a steep slope with significance erosion. Due to the size and complexity of the project: J. Michels of EOR has surveyed the project site. Project details have been reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the surveying and issue a RFP of the Cassmann property of Nest Lake for a Shoreline Restoration Project; contingent upon the successive completion of all application forms. The motion passed.
 7. b.3 Hydrogen Sulfide update-C. Anderson will meet with B. Gilbertson, L. Hatch, and T. Bonde who discussed diverting water into the Fisheries culverts leading to the Hatchery area; this meeting will take place on January 8.

7. b.4 Belgrade stormwater project J. Michels-EOR looked at ways to decrease pipe size of and pretreatment options. EOR did purchase the survey work information and other data from WSB Engineering. The City of Belgrade has requested assistance of the WD in the form of a feasibility study. The WD will review the study upon receipt.

7. c. Administrative matters

7. c.1. A grant received by the WD from Minnesota Waters, for a “Conservation Partnership Grant” of \$5000. The money will be used for the Lions Park Public Education and Shoreline Restoration Project. The project provides for Shoreland restoration extending over 400 linear feet and designated walkways in the park on Green Lake. Public education in the form of interpretive signs is part of the design. This is a collaborative effort, including the DNR, City of Spicer, Spicer Design Committee and the WD. Overall project estimate is \$27,000. The Kandiyohi County Water Task Board has already contributed funds.

7. c.2. The pending 2008 audit will be performed by Westberg & Eischens carried out a pre-audit meeting to review the WD records. The audit will be completed prior to March 31st, 2009 and the results will be filed with the State of Minnesota as required.

7. c.3. Updating of Reports (grants, TMDL, annual WD)

7. c.4 Additional check for credit card bill (\$, 1073.75). A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by R. Zenner to approve an additional check for payment of the Visa statement with the approved signatures of President/Treasurer or Co-Treasurer. The motion was passed.

7. c.5. Bank CD maturity (1-11-09) will be allowed to automatically renew.

7. c.6. Re-visit WD support of GL EWM plan. A. Latham called and asked that the WD continue to lend its support for this project.

7. c.7. New POV reimbursement rate: 1-1-09 is \$.55/mile.

7. c.8. Certified Erosion Control Inspector training has been completed by S. Jacobson. The ability to have a trained local person inspect sites was initially recommended by S. Wright. A NPSD would usually be requested by MPCA or counties could now be provided by the WD. Specifically, S. Jacobson could supervise the CR #10 project.

7. d. Follow up on December Administrative matters

7. d.1. Lake Management Plan-Nest Lake-S. Jacobson stated that DNR has contributed their portion. The Draft will be revised by the DNR office in New Ulm. The plan will then be reviewed and approved by Kandiyohi County.

7. d.2 Vacation reminder-C. Anderson will be gone January 14-24th.

7. d.3. Holiday leave under parental leave policy was reviewed; once an employee is on leave, he/she will not be eligible to bill holidays that fall within the leave period. The parental leave policy will be altered to more clearly reflect this fact.

8. Legal Counsel Report-None

9. Public Access Forum-D. Hanson reported on 3 projects: Kandiyohi County will install waste receptacles at Diamond Lake and Nest Lake. Funds (\$6000.00) were contributed to

Nest Lake Association for the eventual purchase of a weed harvester. C. Anderson stated that Nest Lake did create a petition to request funds for the harvester.

10. As no further business was brought forth a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8: 28 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary

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