

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN

Present: G. Behm, R. Hodapp, R. Schaefer-Board, absent-J. Hedkte & B. Wing; M. Johnson, J. Morales, D. Erickson-Staff; J. Kolb-Legal; D. Dietz & J. VerSteeg-Little Crow; J. Solheid & W. Holmberg-Nest Lake Assn and H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Hodapp.
2. The District mission statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was recited by R. Hodapp
3. Motion by G. Behm, second by R. Schaefer to approve the 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. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the September 5th meeting
- b. October 15, 2017 – Treasurer’s Report
- c. PERMITS
 1. 17-01: Erosion Control Permit at Beards Resort 20250 212st New London, MN – Owner Richard Terborch – Septic update
 2. 17-17: Erosion Control Permit at 11018 North Shore Drive Spicer, MN 56288 - Owners Krista & Brad DeWolf -Authorized Agent Charles Groff – New Home

Motion by G. Behm, second by R. Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Little Crow Country Club 2017 Hotel/Evet Center Project- D. Erickson presented the results of the Stormwater Rule Conformance as determined by Wenck Associates. Of the 4 Stormwater Standards required by the WD, two are not met. Conformance would require: expanding the pond to provide additional stormwater treatment and to provide greater infiltration/filtration for the 1” off the redeveloped impervious surface. See Technical Memo from C. Meehan of Wenck Associates to the WD. C. Meehan recommended the permit should be tabled until the project can come into compliance with the District’s rules. Discussion centered on the project owners need to address the District rules and timeliness of the project. Discussion with Dunnick engineer J. VerSteeg, who stated that the time sensitive project would like to start construction this month. The site work needs to be approved by the C. Meehan-Wenck Associates, to ensure that stormwater stands are being met. All parties agreed to a completed permit, compliance of District rules, approval by WD staff prior to construction. Motion by G. Behm, second by R. Schaefer to approve Project 17-20 Little Crow Country Club Project contingent upon the following:

- Satisfaction of the district’s engineer that standard for dead storage is met as referenced in item B of the Technical Memo dated 10-3-2017 by C. Meehan of Wenck Associates;
- Satisfaction of the district’s engineer that standard treatment (infiltration or treatment alternative) is met as referenced in item C of above document;
- Establishment and placement of a performance surety as recommended by the district’s engineer and construction is not authorized until all contingencies are met. Motion passed 3-0.

6. Administrator’s Report:

- a. Review Calendar/District Activities -M. Johnson reviewed the two-month calendar. J. Morales, reported on the County Park at Diamond Lake, water quality projects are in the works with road construction. WD staff are working with County Engineer M. Odens.

- b. Project Status – Follow-up
 - 1. Accelerated Implementation – County Ditch 47 -M. Johnson sent out the 2 letters, required by State Statute to BSWR and DNR. A meeting, scheduled on October 24th will be attended by the WD and C. Meehan of Wenck Associates. The meeting will address the concerns raised in the letters. An informational meeting addressed the 44 benefited property owners of which 8 were in attendance.
 - a. Advisory Report – BWSR DNR
 - b. Public Informational Meeting – September 19, 2017
 - c. Resolution State Revolving Loan- M. Johnson stated if the WD does not receive the grant funds, then the WD could request a loan. The loan would be paid for by the entire District. A line of credit would need to be established. This loan would allow the project to proceed in a timely fashion if the WD does not receive a state revolving loan. The WD would not be approving the project, but allowing for the application request to proceed. The loan would be an extra levy for the WD. We could do the paper work for the loan and then later decide if we want to proceed. R. Hodapp asked what Meeker County is willing to contribute towards the project. M. Johnson stated that an October meeting is scheduled. Motion to approve the State Revolving Loan was made by Behm, seconded by, R. Schaefer. Motion passed 3-0.
 - 2. North Fork One Watershed One Plan -The October meeting was cancelled. CROW will be the fiscal agent for future block grants. The Plan and mapping program will assist the WD in future projects.
 - 3. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02-see photos showing the blue line is excavation line. Stop logs will be added and the draw down will continue as water levels allow. Landwehr Construction will be back in the early winter (November/December) to continue the project.
- c. Administrative matters
 - 1. Nest Lake Dam, MN00061: Dam Inspection-See January2016 letter to Les Foster. DNR safety inspector recommendations were made. M. J Johnson met with E. Jenson-DNR to discuss public ownership vs. private owner. J. Solheid reported that he has taken water level readings for years on Nest Lake, and he too, is concerned about a potential failure of the dam. M. Johnson requested direction form the Board on this item. J. Kolb stated the Board could implement eminent domain, or begin conversations with the DNR. The State would have to collectively approve the idea. Rep. D. Baker is aware of the situation. Dam bonding is available for the most the severe structures. J. Solheid, stated that when the New London was fixed there was7 feet of water behind the dam. Green Lake would be raised feet not inches, if the dam were to break. Board requested that M. Johnson proceed with discussion with DNR.
 - 2. Kandiyohi Water Trails- J. Morales was approached by J. Lowinski of the DNR about creating canoe entry points along the river. Preliminary idea discussed.
- d. Administrative matters – Follow-up -
 - 1. Township Permit issue -D. Erickson contacted the Burbank township about the erosion control needed at 95th Ave site. A site visit was performed and recommended that vegetation be added. M. Odens requested that the WD staff meet with the townships at their annual meeting. These meeting are usually

attended by 90+ township supervisors and would be good chance for staff to better understand the WD permitting system. Information was handed out and M. Johnson will attend next year. One Stop Shop/General Permit discussion took place; M. Johnson reported concerns about the lack of follow through. The county would need to change the word “shall” to “must”, to be in WD compliance.

2. DNR project – Saulsbury boat access- Plans from September 7th meeting went from 74% to 94% of treatment of impervious surface. See DNR Commissioner letter dated August 31, 2017.
6. Legal Counsel Report-J. Kolb stated that the Clean Water Fund will never be able to pay for the requested projects and other options will be needed. Our current Resolutions will be resubmitted 16-01 and 16-02 and 16-03.
7. Public Access Forum -R. Schaefer reported on a MAWD Board Update-The Executive Director position was offered to Emily Javens, currently an Administrator at Yellow Medicine WD.
8. Motion made by G. Behm, seconded by R. Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, and the meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary