

**Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District  
Board of Managers Meeting  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
174 Lake Ave S  
Spicer, MN 56288**

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Bruce Wing, Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Chad Anderson-Administrator, Vanessa Glieden-Henjum & Sara Jacobson-Technicians, Adam Ripple-Attorney; Ann Latham, Ron Schneider & Greg Roverud of Green Lake and Bruce Gilbertson-DNR.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm. The motion was passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and G. Behm to approve the September minutes. The motion passed.
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented by C. Anderson and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made B.Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. October Bills to Pay was presented by C. Anderson and was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer. The motion passed.
6. Zebra Mussel discussion-R. Schneider asked if the WD had the authority to impose a moratorium on fishing tournaments on a lake; and, if so, would they. R. Schneider stated that he reviewed the State Statute and was unsure. A. Ripple stated that the State of MN and the DNR superseded the powers of the WD.
  - B. Gilbertson stated that it was his understanding that Green Lake would be fished prior to Lake Le Homme Dieu, which should reduce the chance of zebra mussels entering Green Lake during the spring bass fishing tournaments. B. Gilbertson also contacted Luke Skinner (Ecological Resources-Aquatic Invasive Species-DNR) inquiring about the Rules and Regulations about the Bass Tournaments. Concern was expressed by many at the meeting about the need for more monitoring of boats and trailers to reduce the spread of AIS. R. Hodapp asked how a boat can be sterilized; B. Gilbertson stated that 150 degree water is used to spray down the boat, trailer, and motor. All fishing tournament sponsors were provided a copy of the law.
    - V. G. Henjum stated that the east coast has had some success with Potassium Chloride treatment in reservoirs for zebra mussels. C. Anderson stated that he spoke with T. Gueter-Pelican Rapids WD as one the latest WD to be identified with zebra mussels. She is busy trying to locate grant funds and treatment options. B. Gilbertson suggested the WD contact Jay Rendall AIS Prevention Grant Program at 1-651-259-5131.

The spread of the AIS has been impressive, from the St Louis Bay to the Red River Valley to many lakes within the state all within 20 years. The zebra mussels

multiply quickly and can plug up an intake filter. G. Roverud asked if Kandiyohi County, DNR, and Irving Township could collaborate and close off some of the 6 Green Lake accesses, which would allow for easier monitoring. The group discussed the value of prevention and containment, which would be less expensive than treatment.

C. Anderson stated he would continue to work with T. Gueter of Pelican Rapids WD who is proposing a Resolution for the annual Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Conference in December. This Resolution would need to be written within the next week to meet the deadline. A. Ripple stated he would assist with the Resolution. R. Schaefer suggested that an AIS Subcommittee be formed as this is a complex issue which the WD can not alone control. The Board agreed and a committee will be created with the following individuals: DNR, AIS-DNR staff, GLPOA, interested Board members, and others. C. Anderson will contact J. Rendall and L. Skinner of DNR to ask them or their appointees to assist with the subcommittee.

7. Funding Request for AIS assistance by G. Roverud and A. Latham of GLPOA. See application for Program Funds titled "Survey and Control of AIS (Eurasian Water Milfoil). The total project cost is \$13,285; the submitted request of \$3000 and matching funds/in-kind funds of \$7000 was discussed by the Board. This project includes a volunteer lake watcher program to assist survey volunteer diver removal of the Eurasian milfoil and purchase of DNR approved herbicide for treatment in spring and fall of 2010.

J. Flanders inquired about the effectiveness of the previous treatments. G. Roverud stated that survey results performed annually show a few areas have been eliminated; however, new areas are identified. The GLPOA "hope that future surveys will show overall reduction". Green Lake is the only lake within the WD that has Eurasian Water Milfoil. A. Ripple stated that in 2008 the WD used General Funds to assist with the cost of surveying. Aquatic Invasive Species is part of the Comprehensive Plan and it was suggested to do the same in 2009. However, G. Roverud noted, "surveying is of minimal cost in the overall treatment of Eurasian milfoil, designating money just for surveying could impact the cost effectiveness of the treatment and survey program". As trained volunteers are now doing the surveying, funds are needed more for treatment. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$3000 for surveying and or treatment of AIS on Green Lake for the spring of 2010. R. Hodapp abstained from voting. The motion passed.

#### 8. Administrator's Report:

8. a. Review of Calendar

8. b. Review of Project Status

8. b.1. MN Waters Grant update-See photos

8. b.2. County Road #10 update-The WD has been working with property owners adjacent to the Park Lane Resort to acquire easements on behalf of the City of Spicer. The official language of the easements is still being negotiated, but recent developments are in the right direction. Next steps will be to finalize and sign the easements, get the project out to bid and select a contractor; work should start at the end of October/beginning of November.

8. b.3. BMP: Hegstrom rain barrels: K-14-09 will replace Cost Share Contract K-13-09. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to

approve the purchase of a rain barrel for A. Hegstrom for Cost Share Contract K-14-09. The motion passed. A second motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to cancel Cost Share Contract K-13-09 and replace it with K-14-09. The motion passed.

8. b.4.BMP updates:

-Hodapp raingarden-See letter from the WD to Stacy Fladeboe dated September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The letter designated corrective actions which were deemed necessary by C. Meehan-Wenck Engineering and WD staff for the raingarden to be effective. The WD was not contacted prior to work on the site, so staff was not able to view the site during said work. Corrective changes proposed by the Board will be estimated by Swenson & Sons, which will lead to correction of the problems yet this fall. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$1500 for remediation of the raingarden swale on M. Hodapp property. R. Hodapp abstained. The motion passed.

- Frazee Shoreland/pump house update- Swenson & Son did perform site work on the Frazee property, see photos dated 6/11/09 and 9/30/09. T. Frazee expressed concern earlier to staff about the leaning of the pump house. It was noted that the foundation of the pump house is smaller than the house itself, which needs to be corrected. Because the photo taken prior to the damage clearly shows a leaning pump house, the Board declined to designate any additional funds towards the pump house.

-Kandiyohi County Stream Stabilization Project update. Cost Share Contract K-15-09 requests funds of \$11,662.50 out of a total of \$15,550. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$11,662.50 for Contract K-15-09. The motion passed.

-Johnson shoreline K-12-09 contract amendment. The Johnson property on Nest Lake is adjacent to the Cassmann property, which is adjacent to High Point Condominiums. The original estimate was lower than the bids received by the property owner. The difficulty of the project increased the overall cost by \$11,000. Completion of this property will restore over 350 feet of shoreline for the three properties on Nest Lake's south side. C. Anderson stated that there are sufficient CWP funds remaining to allow for the amendment. Along with this amendment and other current projects, the CWP funds will be completely spent. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$19,500 or 75% of approved project cost for Contract K-12-09. The motion passed.

8.b.4. CWP Education update-Enviroscape is an educational model that would be used to demonstrate erosion and runoff. The DNR has a similar model and students get a chance to be more "hands on" during the demonstration. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$950 of General Funds for the Enviroscape and carrying case. The motion passed.

c. Administrative matters

8.c.1. Minnesota Waters membership dues were paid.

8.c.2. Jury Duty- V.Gleidem-Henjum is on jury duty for the month of November and her work schedule will change as needed for her civic duty.

8.c.3. November Board of Managers Meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> due to election day and staff schedule conflicts.

8.c.4. CAC update: an updated member list (see list) was reviewed for Board approval. A motion for approval was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed.

8.c.5. Office building is nearly completely rented out.

d. Follow up on September administrative matters.

d.1. MAWD news (resolution process, awards, dues recommendations) Discussion took place on the subject of an AIS Resolution prior to the October 9<sup>th</sup> deadline. A. Ripple and C. Anderson stated that they would create a Resolution and submit it to MAWD.

9. Legal Counsel Report. A. Ripple presented a letter sent to him by R. Schneider and his response to such letter. The Board reviewed both and no further action was taken.

10. Public Access Forum- G. Behm stated at the Leadership Conference he attended the question asked was “Does your WD create an Annual Report and are you bonded?”. A. Ripple stated that yes, the Board members are bonded and C. Anderson stated that an Annual Report is completed and distributed annually.

11. Adjourn-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer  
Secretary