

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

November 3rd, 2008

174 Lake Ave.

Spicer, MN 56288

Public Hearing for the Adoption of Administrative Rules

The Public Hearing Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm for the purpose of approval of Administrative Rules by Chairman R. Hodapp. Present: G. Behm, R. Hodapp, R. Schaefer; J. Flanders and R. Zenner (arrived later); C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden-Henjum & S. Jacobson-Staff, A. Ripple-Attorney, T. Fischer-BWSR, C. Meehan-Wenck Engineering, J. Nelson-GLPOA, K. Klasen-WSB (arrived later) and D. Hanson-Kandiyohi SWCD (arrived later).

Since October 2007 the WD along with stakeholders have prepared and revised a set of Rules for the MFCRWD in accordance with MN Statues 103d. The main emphasis of the Rules was to govern stormwater, erosion control and drainage. The only comments from the audience came from T. Fischer-BSWR. The Board reviewed the list of suggestions and changes were made to the final draft. See final draft. Notice of the adopted Rules will be published in 4 newspapers within the WD. At 7:15, a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to close the Public Meeting. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to pass Resolution 2008-07 with minor noted changes for "MFRWD Administrative Rules". The motion was passed on a 5-0 vote.

November 3rd Board Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report was presented by C. Anderson. See Treasurers Report. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. November bills to pay were presented by C. Anderson. The Board reviewed the bills and a motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to pay the presented list. The motion passed.
6. Green Lake Property Owners Property Association grant update-J. Nelson thanked the WD for their contribution for the Eurasian Watermilfoil Survey. See attached report "MFCRWD Grant

to the GLPOA for the 6-30-08 Eurasian Watermilfoil Survey of Green Lake”. See also the Green Lake Vegetation Map created by DNR Fisheries. S. Mc Comas of Blue Water Science was selected to perform the survey, as he had performed previous studies. A Gold Standard Point Intercept Survey can cost up to \$60,000 and a scaled down version was performed. Assisting were 2 GLPOA members and J. Bacigalupi- DNR-Native Plant Specialist. After a fall survey a total of 1.53 acres (14 sites) were treated this summer. No Eurasian Watermilfoil was observed at Indian Beach Harbor this time. J. Bacigalupi will return in the spring to do another survey and treatment with volunteers. At best, management of Eurasian milfoil will keep the invasive weed from overtaking the lake and spreading into nearby waterways. 33 fewer sites were treated this spring than last year. Total treatment areas: 2007- three acres, 2008-1.52 acres and 2.88 acres in the fall. R. Hodapp asked about the long term effects of treatment. J. Nelson stated that all involved with the treatment stated “no long term effects”.

7. Diamond Lake BMP update- B. Ricklefs is still working with the township on a resolution.

8. Diamond Lake carp barrier update- C. Anderson and H. Meintz met with the DNR to discuss the maintenance issue. It was decided that minor maintenance of debris removal could be performed by the Diamond Lake Association . The DNR would perform the major clean outs as needed. The WD Board suggested a formal agreement be reached between both parties and a record of such is available for each party and the WD.

9. Rules update- A public hearing was held tonight for the formal adoption of the Rules. The public presented no opposition. The Administrative Rules were passed by a unanimous vote with some minor changes. See final draft of Rules. The public will be able to view the Rules on the WD website.

10. Administrator’s Report:

10.a. Review of Calendar

10.b. Review of Project Status

10.b.1. County Road 10 Project-The WD has continued to work on the promotion of BMP along the road. R. Schneider, a member of the Spicer City Council, recommended that C. Anderson write a petition on behalf of the City to be presented to the City of Spicer. He hoped that the City Council would approve the petition, thus speeding up this process. The petition would allow the WD to establish the County Road 10 project as an official project, thereby allowing the WD to move forward with the acquisition of easements where applicable. The matter was reviewed with A. Ripple and a draft will be created for further review.

10. b.2.Diamond Lake TMDL Project Update-Water sampling has been completed and all sampling equipment has been removed. Rain gauges will be removed later this week.

10. b.3. MPCA 319 Grant-CFMS Agreement # B21815 “Improving Stormwater Management in Ecologically Sensitive Watersheds Project” has been approved. Official papers have been sent to the WD for signatures – R. Hodapp signed the agreement on behalf of the WD this evening – the grant will officially begin once signed by MPCA. \$342,000 is the total agreement money; of which \$140,000 is grant money and \$100,00 low interest loan with the balance to be used for cash/ in kind contributions.

10. b.4. Spillseth property on Green Lake was completed last week. This is the last BMP project for the year.

10.c. Administrative Matters

10.c.1. Belgrade stormwater issue-C. Anderson, J. Michels-EOR Engineering, K. Klasen-WSTS Engineering, D. Braegelmann-Mayor, and T. Olson-Belgrade Maintenance Dept, met to review maps and discuss stormwater concerns. Significant flooding can occur with a 2" rainfall, which could cause increased nutrients and other pollutants to enter the Middle Fork Crow River. This is a challenging area due to minimal changes in elevation. K. Klasen has done an initial study but a feasibility study still needs to be done. The WD Board set aside \$10,000 for County Road 10 project, of which \$2,000 remains. C. Anderson suggested that the \$2,000 and additional funds (up to \$8,000) for a feasibility study be put together to assist the City of Belgrade. The \$10,000 would cover meetings; funds would come from the General Fund and Grant funds. C. Anderson suggested J. Michels perform a feasibility study. K. Klasen stated WSB already has approximately \$6,000 into this project and sees an EOR feasibility study as a duplicate of services. C. Anderson expressed concern about going with an unknown Engineering firm. J. Flanders asked if the WD needs two different companies to perform a feasibility study. R. Schaefer suggested that WSB complete the feasibility study as they have considerable time and money invested in the project and the WD have J. Michels review and comment on the study. The Board instructed C. Anderson to request price quotes from both WSB and EOR to determine which firm would be contracted to do the work.

10. c.2. Green Lake Stormwater Inlet Partnerships update-The 2nd meetings was held on 10/28/08. The ideal frequency for street sweeping and possible arrangements for ensuring regular sweeping was discussed. Members will look into ways to decrease the cost of sweeping. Studies show a reduction of up to 30% nutrient loading with regular sweeping. Currently, the cities of Spicer and New London sweep two times per year, while the County sweeps monthly around Green Lake.

10. c.3. City of New London Stormwater BMP project is of concern to WD staff who have viewed the site several times. C. Anderson spoke w T. Guptill-New London noting that the infiltration basin is not working. Water is being held too long and the location of the raingarden is at the top of the watershed area. T. Guptill stated New London will pass an ordinance requiring homes that will be constructed around the raingarden area to direct rain water flow towards the garden. As work still needs to be performed, the amendment will need an extension; this will be the project's 2nd amendment. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G., Behm to extend project K-3-08, all work needs to be done by May 3rd, 2009. The motion passed.

10. c.4. New London City Council meeting on Hydrogen Sulfide problem will be attended by C. Anderson and T. Bonde-Technical Advisor. The City Council asked the WD to attend hoping for some ideas into the problem. C. Anderson mentioned that Lorin Hatch from HDR Engineering will provide a presentation for the Board at the December meeting.

10.c. 5. MAWD annual meeting December 4-6th will need delegates for voting. R. Schaefer and R. Hodapp will represent the WD.

10.c.6. Pending maternity leave-A policy will be needed prior to V. Glieden-Henjum' leave. C. Anderson and staff will create a policy for review at the next meeting. V. Glieden-Henjum expressed interest in taking 6 weeks off. She would like to initially work from home part time, eventually returning to work full time.

10.c.7. Personnel update-Staff performances reviews will need to be scheduled on a regular basis. V. Glieden-Henjum is due 11-11-08. C. Anderson will perform the reviews and report results to the Board; a closed meeting will be scheduled for 6:45PM on 12/2 to discuss V. Glieden-Henjum's review.

10.d. Follow up on October administrative matters

10.d.1. Draft Public Data Request Policy-A motion made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve Public Data Request Policy. The motion passed.

10.d.2. Lake Management Plan for Nest Lake update was provided by S. Jacobson. S. Jacobson and C. Anderson met B. Gilbertson who is providing the fisheries information; the plan is still in process Curly leaf pondweed management is more comprehensive and time consuming than originally thought. J. Eisterhold, the DNR Invasive Species Specialist is also adding information to the plan.

11. Legal Counsel-A. Ripple no new information.

12. Public Access Forum-none.

13. Adjourn- A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:48 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary

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