

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
November 5th, 2009
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Bruce Wing, and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden-Henjum-Staff; M. Leach-MPCA; T. Fischer-BSWR; D. Peterson-County Commissioner; D. Sander-CROW; B. Nelson-Nest Lake, A. Latham & R. Schneider-Green Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. C. Anderson suggested adding “8.b.5. Garberich septic loan” and “8.c.6. Autopay for credit card to the agenda. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the agenda with the above two additions. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the October minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report was provided by C. Anderson, see report. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Treasurers Report, subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. After review of the November Bills to Pay, a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the November Bills to Pay. The motion passed.
6. A presentation was made by D. Sander of the September, Crow River Clean up event, now in its 5th year. Over 1590 volunteers have cleaned up over 175 miles of the Crow River. The annual event now includes 22 communities collecting 38.81 tons of trash. MFCRWD donated \$200 for the event this year.
7. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update. C. Anderson stated that he contacted the DNR via email last week. Luke Skinner, one of the recipients of the email, called to state that the DNR shares the same concerns as the District, but lacks the staffing to conduct local meetings with all interested parties. They will be establishing regional focus groups to meet in early 2010. Skinner said that one of those meetings will be scheduled in Kandiyohi County; the meeting(s) will be open to the public, and the District will certainly be informed of planned dates.
 - A. Ripple and C. Anderson have completed the AIS Resolution for MAWD Conference annual meeting on December 4th. See Resolution. The Minnesota Association of Counties has also created a Resolution for their annual meeting which will be held around the same time. A. Ripple who was unable to attend this meeting did send an email stating that an AIS Committee could be formed with the Lake Associations, interested parties, and WD staff. This committee if formed, would be “advisory only, not regulatory”.

A. Latham stated that the GLPOA would like to see the DNR change their policy of allowing infested lakes in a fishing tournament. D. Peterson stated that a meeting scheduled with the County Commissioners, DNR-L. Skinner, B. Gilbertson-Fisheries will meet to request immediate action of the creation of a statewide policy on AIS. S. Jacobson may attend the meeting on behalf of the WD.

R. Schaefer suggested that a Committee be formed to further study the zebra mussel issue. C. Anderson stated his belief that it would be helpful to have a committee chair that would be relatively educated on the zebra mussel issue. Although the County has a policy on Invasive Species, “we lack a specific policy on zebra mussels”, reported D. Peterson. R. Schneider was suggested as a Chairman for the proposed Committee; R. Schneider accepted. A motion was made by R.Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to create an AIS Advisory Committee. The motion passed. R. Schaefer will contact R. Schneider and schedule a meeting.

8. Administrator’s Report:

- a. Review of Calendar
- b. Review of Project Status
 - 1. BMP updates

-Johnson shoreline K-12-09. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the final payment of \$24, 430.68 for project K-12-09. The motion passed.

-Hegstrom rain barrel K-14-09. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the final payment of \$96.63 for project K-14-09. The motion passed.

-County Road 10, K-13-09 project. A motion was made by R.Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve K-13-09. The motion passed.

2. DNR AIS contact update-see previous discussion.

3. CWP Education update-V. G. Henjum and S. Jacobson met with the 5th grade students of NLS to conduct macroinvertebrate/water quality class sessions and a water quality class with the 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Macroinvertebrate classes with fourth grade students of ACGC are scheduled in November. The 7th & 8th graders of BBE will be scheduled in January.

4. Diamond Lake TMDL field data collection is now officially done; Houston Engineering will now begin the modeling process. C. Anderson met with M. Deutschman of Houston Engineering and staff to discuss next steps. All monitoring equipment will be removed from the lake area within the next few weeks.

5. Garberich Septic Loan-A loan agreement was approved by C. Anderson to accommodate the property owner. V. G. Henjum performed a site inspection of the property for the emergency loan request of up to \$8,000. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the septic loan for the Garberich property. The motion passed.

- c. Administrative matters

1. Vanessa G. Henjum’s annual review is due in November. The Administrator will evaluate her performance and a closed meeting will be held prior to the December meeting to discuss her review. The closed meeting will be posted.

2. Necessary equipment upgrades are due on the Manannah monitoring site as well as two other sites. It is estimated that approximately \$5,900 is needed to replace the current equipment. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$6,000 for the data loggers and cables and other necessary equipment for this site. The motion passed.

3. 2009 Annual Budget actual expenses to date were reviewed – see form.

4. T. Frazee pump house request was again reviewed by the Board. C. Anderson stated that he received an email from T. Frazee (see email) to which A. Ripple provided legal comment. The photos and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed as it relates to this matter. New photos provided by T. Frazee were also reviewed. The Board determined that the photos did not provide any new information, and therefore a motion to decline the property owners request for restitution of the pump house was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed.

5. MAWD Conference scheduled was reviewed. The Official Delegates will be as they were in past R. Hodapp and R. Schaefer with G. Behm as alternate.

6. Autopay for the credit card was discussed again as the WD is unable to get the due date changed to correspond with the meetings. The Board discussed limiting payments so as to decrease the potential for any fraudulent practices and the desire to avoid finance charges. A motion to approve up to \$2,500 per month was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing starting in January 2010. The motion passed.

d. Follow up on October matters.

1. MAWD proposed resolution was completed and received by MAWD.

2. Jury duty for V. G. Henjum continues and has not interfered with her work schedule.

3. CAC update- New members recommended are Bruce Gilbertson, Josh Kavanagh, Mike Taylor, Mike Hanson, and Diane Sander. A motion to approve the 5 additional CAC members was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer. The motion passed.

9. Legal Counsel report-none.

10. Public Comments: A. Latham commented that the GLPOA continues to pursue a legislative request for funding on the Green Lake Inlet Partnership Project. A meeting has been scheduled for December 10th with Senator Chaudhary and Representative Al Juhnke attending. C. Anderson suggested the possibility of the Green Lake Inlet Partnership Project and the WD seeks funding from BWSR as a “Plan A” and the Legislature as a “Plan B”. If the specific sub watersheds are identified along with agricultural drainage proposals specified the project is in line with the BWSR guidelines. The BWSR grants are due on December 1, which would most likely be a quicker route than the Legislature. This idea was received favorably.

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 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer - Secretary