

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

**February 16th, 2006
Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Bell Tower Plaza
118 Lake Ave. N.
Spicer, MN 56288**

PRESENT: Gordy Behm, Joseph Flanders, Robert Hodapp, Ruth Schaefer and Robert Zenner of the Board; Ann Latham Adm Asst; Tom Fischer of BSWR; Kurt Deter-Attorney; Dennis Peterson-Kandiyohi County Commissioner; Doug Manson-Kandiyohi SWCD; Rick Moore-MMDC; Josh Reed -NFCRWD; Tom Bonde-Spicer and Al Lotthammer of New London.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Hodapp at 7:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

2. Motion was made G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the 1-19-06 minutes. The motion passed.

3. Treasurers Report-G. Behm-see attached report.

3.1 Motion made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the Treasurers Report. The motion passed.

3.2 Motion made G. Behm and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the February bills to pay. The motion passed. See attached report.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Watershed District Comprehensive Plan- Rick Moore-MMDC

Matt Johnson was unable to attend the meeting and information was provided by Rick Moore. One contract was presented by MMDC for the Board to sign. K. Deter stated that he reviewed the contract and stated that it met with his approval. Questions were raised in reference to previous discussions and information presented by MMDC. It was decided that concerns will be tabled till M. Johnson can attend to address these specific questions.

The format of the contract and schedule of events was discussed. Meetings will need to be held in March to prepare general information. Committees will need to be formed. M. Johnson will schedule these events.

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Motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm approving the initial time line meeting with M. Johnson and MMDC. The motion passed.

Motion made by R. Zenner and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the contract presented by MMDC for the Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed.

5. Monitoring Plan update -R. Schaefer-see attached report.

The Partnership monitoring plan was reviewed with the Board. The current plan doesn't include any monitoring in Meeker or Stearns County. R. Schaefer asked T. Bonde, if the program should be expanded in those areas. T. Bonde stated that monitoring could be added in both counties. A review of the cost involved in current monitoring plan proposed by the Partnership vs expanding the plan was discussed. G. Behm asked if the contract needs to be revised. R. Schaefer asked J. Reed if monitoring could be accomplished for less than \$9,000. K. Deter suggested that a committee be appointed to review this project further.

At a previous meeting Alan Kuseske, Administrator of the NFCRWD offered the services of J. Reed. J. Reed stated that he would have time to assist the District in sampling and monitoring.

Motion was made by R. Hodapp and seconded by R. Zenner that J. Reed, T. Bonde and R. Schaefer review the contract created by the Partnership and the DNR and establish options for the Board to review at the next meeting. The motion passed.

R. Schaefer will contact D. Sanders of Crow River Joint Powers and arrange an in-service on the YSI instrument for monitoring.

6. Office Update-A. Latham-see attached report.

6.1 Audit information completed. Tax forms signed by Chairman R. Hodapp. Mission statement will be coming out with the Comprehensive Plan.

6.2 Managers term schedule was reviewed- Chairman R. Hodapp's term expires in May, 2006; R. Schaefer and R. Zenner's term expire in May 2007 and G. Behm and J. Flanders' terms expire in May, 2008. The Chairman stated that he would like to continue to serve on the Watershed Board; therefore, he will need to be reappointed by the County Commissions. The Board position will need to be published in the newspaper. A. Latham will coordinate the process.

6.3 Inquiry for larger meeting space. Bell Tower Plaza owner Matt Jacobson offered the "café" space on an "as needed basis" for a small fee. The Watershed District will need to have public meetings and more space is needed. The Board reviewed these options vs holding meetings at differing sites, which would require public notice. **Motion** was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to enter into an agreement with Matt Jacobson for the purposes of public meetings of the Watershed District. The motion passed.

6.4 Earth Day at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. A. Latham created a brochure for the Board to review. Diane Sanders has volunteered to distribute MFCRWD information at this event. **Motion** was made by J. Flanders and seconded by

R. Schaefer to approve the printing of the brochure for informational use. The motion passed. A. Latham will obtain printing costs for the brochure.

6.5 Citizens Advisory Committee introduction packets were created by A. Latham and will be mailed out to the CAC members list with revisions made tonight. See attached list. **Motion** was made R. Zenner and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the revised list of CAC members and Technical Committee members (add T. Bonde and J. Reed).

6.6 Report on MN Builders Association. R. Hughes stated that the erosion control laws are in place and the inspection process is starting. Informational seminars are available for construction work employees on erosion control.

6.7 Stearns County Water Task Force- The task force requested a member of the WD attend their meetings. Susan Maguire of Stearns County stated that no meetings are scheduled in February and March. More information will be sent to the WD office. March. R. Hodapp and R. Hughes attend the Kandiyohi County Water Task Force meetings. Chairman Hodapp asked R. Zenner if he would be able to attend the meetings; R. Zenner accepted the appointment.

D. Peterson, Kandiyohi County Commissioner stated that he is the County representative for the Middle Fork Watershed District. He also serves the Board of the North Fork Watershed District.

As no further business was presented, a **motion** was made J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary