

MIDDLEFORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting 6:30 pm

February 8th, 2006

Bell Tower Plaza

118 Lake Ave North

Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Zenner, Robert Hodapp and Ruth Schaefer of the Board, Julie Klocker-Administrator, Tom Bonde-Technical Advisor, Kurt Deter-Attorney, Maggie Leach-MPCA, Mike Sharp-MMDC and Ann Latham of Spicer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7: 05 pm.
2. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the January 18th minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report was provided by G. Behm, see attached Treasurers Report. The Watershed District audit is near completion and will be presented at the March meeting. G. Behm will call the accountant to check on the status of the 1099 forms. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve the February bills to pay. The motion passed. The motion was later amended by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to include a 1-30-07 invoice submitted by Emmons & Olivier Resources for \$4,692.18 for the County Road 10 project. The amended motion passed.
6. Comprehensive Plan update was provided by M. Sharp and J. Klocker. All comments submitted to the Watershed District have been noted and addressed in the Review Comments handout. The 9 page document was reviewed at the meeting with comments provided by Board members, Technical advisor, MPCA, legal counsel and the public. See attached document "MFCRWD Comprehensive Plan-Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Comments and District Responses to Comments". Resolution 2007-03 "MFCRWD Acceptance of Comprehensive Plan" was discussed by the Board and a motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to accept this resolution as stated. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. The Resolution was signed by Chairman R. Hodapp and Secretary R. Schaefer and will be sent to BSWR.
7. County Road 10 Project- J. Klocker reported that Spicer City Council members are concerned that insufficient time will be available for stormwater management projects to occur. The Spicer City Council may **delay** the road project to 2008; a Feasibility Study will be reviewed at the 2-14-07 meeting. J. Klocker stated that the WD is unable to **assist on** any projects until the Feasibility Study is accepted by the Spicer City Council.

Emmons & Olivier Resources comments/suggestions made to the Spicer City Council were included in the Feasibility Study.

8. A. Latham presented information on the Green Lake Fisheries Project, which is an outgrowth of the Fisheries Regulations over the last several years. The group is raising funds in order to contract with Dick Sternberg, a former DNR Biologist. Mr. Sternberg was instrumental in the Leech Lake Project. The Green Lake Property Owners Association has contributed approximately \$500.00 to the group. Estimated cost the group will need for 3 years of study is \$12,000. A public meeting will be held at Dethlefs Center on 2/24/07.

9. Legislative Auditors Report: The Office of Legislative Auditor Report Hearing on Watershed Management took place on 1-25-07 A general discussion took place after review of the following documents:

- a.) Office of Legislative Auditor (OLA) State of MN Evaluation Report Summary/January 2007 Watershed Management;
- b.) A "Report on the Report"-MASWCD's Overview of the OLA Watershed Management Program Evaluation;
- c.) Watershed Management-OLA power point presentation attended by J. Klocker;
- d.) Randy Kramer-Chair of the BWSR written comments to the OLA;
- e.) John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director written comments to the OLA;
- f.) MAWD-Ray Bohn summary of the hearing.

MAWD is not submitting an official response at this time. BSWR has asked all WD to submit a 2 page summary of accomplishments and tax levy accomplishments. This information will be made into an informational book for legislators. There also will be a display highlighting WD accomplishments, for "Week at the Capital" on March 28-29.

10. Administrators Report- J. Klocker, see attached report.

- a.) Review of February and March calendar-see attached calendar. R. Schaefer will attend the Kandiyohi County Commissioners meeting on March 6th.
- b.) Grant update-see attached:
 - Appendix B MPCA Final Application FY 2007 Clean Water Legacy Act Surface Water Assessment Grants (Volunteer Monitoring Grant);
 - MPCA2006 Section 319/CWP Implementation 319 Developmental, Education or Research Pilot Project CWP Resource Investigation Proposal Form;
 - CWP007 MFCRW Restoration and Enhancement project.
- c.) SCSU Adjunct Professor Opportunity-J. Klocker has been offered the opportunity to teach 2 classes at St. Cloud State University. The temporary position is for a class in the spring of 2008. She is seeking the Boards opinion if they would approve of her teaching during her Administrators duties. She is taking the offer under advisement and no formal decision has been made. The Board discussed the time commitment and how that would affect her duties for the WD. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of allowing her the opportunity to teach the classes if she felt she could do both without jeopardizing her WD duties. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to allow J. Klocker the opportunity to be an Adjunct Professor at SCSU. The motion passed.

d.) Office Space/Printers: there was a general discussion regarding the current office space situation and whether there is a need to investigate other options. A. Latham volunteered to help on this effort. There also was a discussion regarding the printer/copier difficulties and the board directed J. Klocker to check into different equipment.

10. Attorney's Report-Kurt Deter reported on the drainage code legislature are proposing a change in the grass strip law. The proposed change is in the definition of a grass strip. Legislature would like to create greater incentives for property owners of all regions of the state to participate. The state would require each county to provide funding for this project.

11. Open discussion/comments from the public: there were no comments.

There being no other business brought before the board, a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and the meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth A. Schaefer
Secretary

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