

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
February 9th, 2010
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, and Ruth Schaefer of the Board (B. Wing absent); C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden Henjum & S. Jacobson-Staff, A. Ripple-Attorney and C. Filley-Nest Lake Association.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. The District Mission statement: "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed" was read by the Chairman.
3. C. Anderson requested that agenda items #5, #6, and #8 be removed from the consent agenda due to changes that need discussion. A motion was made by G. Behm, seconded by J. Flanders that items #5, #6, and #8 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda 4. Approve the minutes of the January 5th meeting.

7. Permit #10-01 Tegt home permit (Larry Knudson Construction).

A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda items #4 and #7. The motion passed.

Regular Agenda: 5. The Treasurer's Report was presented by C. Anderson, who stated that check #1963 to MN Association of Watershed Districts was voided due to an error in the amount. The correct amount is \$2100, which will appear on the March Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed.

6. February bills to pay were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the February list excluding #1963. The motion passed.

8. Permit #10-02 Vedder permit to remove an old structure did not print out correctly. The corrected permit met the District threshold for Administrative approval, and the permit was approved by C. Anderson.

9. Aquatic Invasive Species update was presented by R. Schaefer. The AIS committee has provided informational materials at the DNR listening session, presented information to Kandiyohi County Commissioners, Lake Associations and the general public. Dick Sternberg, a retired DNR officer, is working with AIS Committee in its development of an April presentation for the general public. The AIS Committee focus is to create a county wide ordinance with the assistance of the County Commissioners and the DNR for the protection of county lakes. The Association of County Commissioners has already passed a Resolution asking the State of Minnesota to create state wide laws to better protect noninfested lakes and increase boat inspections on infested lakes. The Committee is still waiting for a response

from DNR Commissioner, Mr. Holsten addressing the fishing tournament situation. The need to monitor all press releases or any information going out with the MFCRWD name was discussed. On behalf of the AIS Committee, R. Schaefer presented a request for Program Funds for educational/informational funds of \$5000. The application was reviewed by the Board and staff. The AIS Committee is also requesting funds from Kandiyohi County and GLPOA and other lake associations. The difficulty of containing AIS was discussed by the group. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Program Request Fund submitted by the AIS committee for \$5000. The motion passed.

10. Citizen Leadership Service Corps update-R.Schaefer met with Jeff Johnson who had previously presented the idea of this pilot project. The Board and staff have expressed positive interest in the project and the creation of a Foundation. The main concern is the lack of time and staff this project would require in order to do it well. After considerable discussion, the Board and staff decided to support the creation of a Foundation first and hope that the CLSC could be formed within the structure of a Foundation. R. Schaefer will discuss this further with the Johnsons. A. Ripple volunteered his time in the development of a Foundation.

11. The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Spicer for the maintenance of the Nelson/Rice channel project was presented to the Board by C. Anderson. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion passed.

12. Administrator's Report

12. a. Review of Calendar.

12. b. Review of Project Status

12. b.1. CWP Eurasian Watermilfoil /Stormwater Study Grant update-C. Anderson reported that the CWP EWM/Stormwater study grant agreement was received and was signed by R. Hodapp. Grant funding for the project will be \$33,000.

12. b.2. CWP Education update-The education grant was completed 1-31-10 after one last classroom instruction provided to NLS and ACGC schools. See Administrator's report for further details.

12. b.3. Nest Lake Petition update-At the January Board of Managers meeting, the WD received a petition from the Nest Lake Improvement Association for their curly leaf pondweed treatment program. V. Glieden-Henjum randomly verified a significant number of signatures and addresses for validity. A. Ripple outlined the process that the WD will need to do and created a checklist of the required steps involved in the process. The Nest Lake Association Board confirms their understanding that they are responsible for all costs of the project proceedings. At the Board's direction, C. Anderson will pursue a cost estimate from Wenck for the Engineer's Report. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to accept the Petition from Nest Lake Association for Curly leaf Pondweed Treatment. The motion passed.

12. c.1. IRS POV effective January 1st, 2010 is \$.50.

12. c.2 Request for program funds from PWELC for the Westby Scholarship was reviewed. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve \$500. The motion passed.

12. c.3 The WD will be celebrating their 5th year anniversary this spring. The Board discussed and approved an open house anniversary to be held April 6th, 2010.

12. c.4 2009 Comprehensive Plan process-tabled to March meeting.

12. c.5 CAC update-N. Johnson led the Committee members at the January 21st meeting in defining their mission statement. A budget will need to be determined for the committee and their next meeting is scheduled in March.

12. c.6 District credit has been requested for S. Jacobson for registering for conferences, district expenses in accordance with WD policies. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed.

12. d. Follow up January administrative matters

12. d.1 Office server backup has been installed at a cost of \$800/year. The SOS system performs a daily backup of data.

12. d.2 Follow-up: League of MN Cities liability insurance. Discussed the possibility of checking with our insurance company prior to any major Project, to ensure coverage.

13. Legal Counsel Report-A. Ripple presented to the Board a Memorandum clarifying what District funds can and can not be spent on in regards to food at meetings. This memo should clarify previous questions in regards to the CAC meetings and other District sponsored meetings.

14. Public Access Forum-

C. Anderson stated that 2 proposals were sent to BWSR. An Agricultural Drainage conservation project grant request of \$15,000 was approved. The project will study the effects of using stop boards in tile drains to retain water on the landscape, hypothetically reducing nutrient export and increasing soil moisture during the growing season. The second request for a Green Lake Water Quality Improvement project was not approved. The request was among 200 received by BSWR of which 50 were funded. This proposal ranked 69th and can be submitted in another budget year.

C. Anderson stated that the District received a request from Ms. Laura Molenaar (NLS Science teacher) to create a presentation for the MN Science Teachers Association. The conference would be April 15-17 at the Willmar High School. Cost of registration would be \$75. The Board agreed with this cost.

C. Anderson stated that J. Michels of EOR volunteered Chad for a “Minimal Impact Standards Group” that was requesting input from Watershed District. The meetings will be held on a monthly basis in St Paul. The Board approved the use of the Administrator time for these meetings.

15. As no other business was brought before the Board a motion to adjourn was proposed by J. Flanders and seconded by G.Behm. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer
Secretary