

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

March 16, 2006

Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Bell Tower Plaza

118 Lake Ave. N.

Spicer, MN 56288

PRESENT: Gordy Behm, Joe Flanders, Robert Zenner and Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Tom Fischer-BWSR, Kurt Deter-Attorney, Ann Latham-Adm Asst, D. Peterson-Kandiyohi County Commissioner, Tom Bonde and Rod Hughes-Spicer.

Absent: Robert Hodapp

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President, Robert Zenner at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to allow M. Johnson to go after the Water Monitoring update per his request. The motion passed.

2. Motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the minutes of February 16, 2006. The motion passed.

3. Treasurers Report-Gordy Behm-see attached report

S. Moddermann provided the latest estimated market value of Kandiyohi County at \$1,058,504,700.

David Morrissey of MN Counties Casualty Insurance Trust Company contacted G. Behm to discuss a bid on district insurance at our renewal time; he was unable to meet the initial deadline.

The Watershed District received a "dues notice" for Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD). The recommended amount due to MAWD is \$2000.00. K. Deter stated that the amount due is not a "set amount", it is a suggested amount based on market value. Ray Bohn and the staff of MAWD provide services to our Watershed District in the form of: legislative updates, decreased conference fee at the state meeting, lobby efforts at the capital and general information. The Board discussed a reasonable amount for the services provided by Ray Bohn and the staff at MAWD. **G. Behm made a motion that the Watershed District pays \$1000.00 for the first year. The motion was seconded by J. Flanders and the motion passed.**

4. Motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the March bills to pay. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. WATERING MONITORING-R. Schaefer, see attached memo

Discussion took place on the merits of honoring the Partnership contract with the DNR. R. Hughes stated that there are many DNR grants and the WD will want the local DNR support.

T. Bonde stated that the cost of the contract exceeds the services provided. R. Schaefer stated that the \$9,200 is not the actual cost of services provided for one year; the total amount due was spread out over a 3 year period.

A. Latham suggested that the matter be brought up at the Water Task Force meeting on March 23rd, in hopes of having the Partnership pay a portion of the amount due to the DNR, (see A. Latham memo). D. Peterson stated that the meeting was canceled due to limited agenda. The committee won't be meeting again for several months.

R. Schaefer stated that after further discussions with J. Bredberg, the matter was left that J. Bredberg will be contacting G. Broman to see if further invoices need to be paid yet from the Partnership. The county would prefer that the original money set aside be used by the WD if the Partnership invoices are paid in full.

Motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to pay the DNR up to \$9,200 as stated in Contract #A59679. The motion passed. R. Schaefer will write a letter to S. Wright and inform him of the Boards decision. She will also contact J. Bredberg to obtain an update on the Partnership situation. Information will be presented at the next meeting.

The current sites that are monitored exclude Meeker and Stearns counties. R. Schaefer suggested that the 2-3 areas be added. T. Bonde had suggested a site by the Crow River Lutheran Church off CR 275 and a site at Manannah. NFCRWD has offered the services of Josh Reed, their Water Quality technician, at a rate of \$25/hour and mileage. Analysis cost would be a separate cost. The Board discussed the importance of determining the quality of the water entering and exiting our WD.

Motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm for the Board to authorize the proposed services of J. Reed to monitor 2 sites for the 2006 monitoring year at the stated rate of \$25/hour, mileage and analysis cost. The motion passed.

6. Comprehensive Plan-M. Johnson-MMDC

See: Overall Plan Initial Steps, Sub-Watershed map and Proposed Water Plan and Technical Committee list.

The Water Technical Committee list was reviewed and Patrick Weidemann was added as a replacement for Paul Rasmussen the highway 23 project coordinator.

J. Reed the Water Quality Technician of NFCRWD was added to the LOCAL DEPARTMENTS/DISTRICTS area. Josh's email address is joshnfcrawd@tds.net.

M. Johnson stated that he will do the public notification for the March 30th and April 6th meeting; all the meeting notices necessary for the comprehensive plan and create the agenda for the meeting. The advertising and materials necessary for the meeting will be

created by MMDC. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will be held in the CAFE room of the Bell Tower Plaza.

Bruce Wilson-MPCA, had earlier suggested to MMDC that the Board establish "water management areas/zones or sub-watershed districts". According to M. Johnson, B. Wilson felt this would allow for better zoning and the ability to look at specific water quality issues, as it relates to land use. Each area could have specific criteria for their own area. M. Johnson stated that there are two different types of maps that the Board can review at a later time. The DNR map is one type that focuses on sub-watershed areas. The second type of map was created around the county ditch system. MMDC has digitalized the county ditch system maps. M. Johnson will review and verify each program, noting the advantages/disadvantages of each mapping system. He will report on both systems at our next meeting.

M. Johnson suggested that a subcommittee be formed with: " B.Wilson-MPCA, T. Bonde and S. Wright of the Technical Committee and M. Johnson. The purpose of the subcommittee would be to determine the boundary lines of subwatersheds and which mapping format should be used for the subwatershed district plan. The board discussed this and agreed that the above individuals should review the information and present information at our next meeting.

The Technical Committee will meet at 1:00 pm after the Shallow Lakes Conference. The location has been changed to the Heritage Bank conference room in Spicer. M. Johnson will complete a "scoping document"; which is a summary from the Public Information meeting and the Technical Committee which states the priority issues. The Board will then narrow down the priority issues. M. Johnson suggested picking a few key issues and do them well. Several possibilities were: priority pollutants, public awareness on local problems, septic issues. As an example of this topic, K. Deter stated that NFCRWD sets aside \$50,000 to assist the counties in inspection of septic systems. NFCRWD isn't taking over the septic issues from the county; they are assisting the county with surveillance.

R. Schaefer asked M. Johnson about the \$5,000 waived fee he referred to in his earlier interview with the Board. He stated he will check into the final wording of the contract.

M. Johnson will bring the Water Plans documents from Stearns and Meeker for talking points for discussion at the Technical Committee meeting. This committee will edit the initial document. An outline should be in place by April meeting, information can be reviewed by the Board at that time. The scoping document will be sent out to the Board members before the meeting for their review. G. Behm stated he will be attending the Technical Committee meeting. R. Schaefer will not be able to attend. J. Flanders and R. Zenner were undecided.

7. Office Update-A. Latham-see attached memo.

3.1. Shallow Lakes conference- G. Behm will attend and will send in his registration.

3.2. Citizens Advisory Committee-no new action.

3.3. Printing of the brochure will be done by our own office for now.

3.4. Paperwork has been completed for the advertising of the Board position. D. Peterson, County Commissioner will bring the matter up before the Kandiyohi County Board on April 4, 2006. The WD Board requests that R. Hodapp be reappointed for a 3 year term

3.5. Filing system of lake information-no new action.

As no further points of discussion were offered the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary