

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN

Present: R. Hodapp, G. Behm, B. Wing, Jay Hedtke-new member, R. Schaefer of the Board, M. Johnson-Administrator, WD Staff-J. Morales, K. Kaehler, D. Erickson; J. Kolb-Legal; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner and S. Worm-George Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order by R. Hodapp at 6:30 pm
2. “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed”, was read by Chairman Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm, seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

(The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member).

4. Approve the minutes of the April 4 meeting
5. Treasurer’s Report

A motion was made by B. Wing, seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Meeker County Board Manager – Jay Hedtke was introduced as the new Meeker County manager. J. Hedtke lives north of Grove City and has done a project with the WD. Jay will complete Joe Flanders term which ends April 2018.
 - a. Oath of Office was read by J. Hedtke.
7. Appointment of Co-Treasurer- Motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to appoint J. Hedtke as Co-Treasurer. Motion approved 5-0. K. Kaehler will have access to all QuickBooks accounts and J. Hedtke will have signature privileges at Home State Bank.
8. Administrator’s Report:
 - a. Review Calendar/District Activities-see calendar.
 - b. New Project Status
 1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02 -Land Pride will begin dredging after the draw down. Three cameras will be installed, one on each basin for monitoring the project and to create a time lapse video of the project. The Phase II meeting is scheduled for May 10th. County Commissioners requested an Open House update on this project and this will be scheduled in the fall. Land owners thus far are pleased with the process of Phase I; G. Behm agreed, stating that Land Pride is doing their job well.
 2. North Fork One Watershed One Plan-A MOU was presented to the Policy Committee, this will be reviewed by the 1W1P organization. The C.R.O.W. will be at the meeting to seek the MOU approval. Once the draft is available it will be reviewed by J. Kolb. Concern was raised over equal representation for the WD

within the 1W1P organization. BWSR's preference is that all entities have representation.

3. Accelerated Implementation Grant presentation – County Ditch 47 -M. Johnson and J. Morales met with T. Ostendorf-BWSR and J. Kolb, to review the list of projects that the WD would like to group together into a bigger project. J. Kolb stated several ideas for the Middle Fork Crow River/ drainage ditch over its 12 miles. Identified problems were: water quality issues; erosion; cattle grazing in the river and a changing streambank. Potential project areas that could redirect the velocity of the flow were identified. Funding was obtained for this study; which could allow a suite of potential projects. Challenges for projects is that the river is a county drainage ditch for some miles and needs to continue to function as one. J. Kolb provided an update to the Board. If the Board is interested in proceeding; J. Kolb would create a resolution for the beginning of a potential project. Agencies would need to review, partners would be obtained and plans would be developed. Projects could be state funded for water quality. Most likely a combination of funding conditions would need to occur. Meeker county may see a decrease in the maintenance cost over time. The Lilleberg project, is an example of a successful project on the river. AIG technical report does state this area as a priority. Motion to approve the creation of a resolution to initiate the project was made by B. Wing, seconded by G. Behm. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Project Status – Follow-up

1. Accelerated Implementation Grant presentation – Spicer -J. Morales reported on the meeting, which was held with Spicer City Council. Dialog with SEH Engineer- R. Sabar and the City Council went well. Discussion took place on potential project that the WD could partner with the City. J. Morales presented the AIG information to the Council. An MOU would be an end goal; the 2018 could be a year of many project year in the City of Spicer with Lake Avenue construction.
2. Nest Lake and Diamond Lake Project Assessment – County did fix the 860 tax statements and at no charge to the property owners. Mark Thompson stated he will change the titles to more clearly show the tax for Nest/Diamond vs. MFCRWD for 2018.

d. Administrative matters

1. 2016 Annual Report was printed and sent to all County Commissioners within the District, along with state and local partners and those stated by law. Postcards sent to the property owners stating that financial statements are available for review.
2. Highway 71 Permit- D. Erickson has worked with regulation and rules. The “71 reconstruction” is ½ north of Eagle Lake all the way till the Three Sisters store. Storm water permits are needed at no charge to public entity. Site plans are very detailed and are reviewed by WD staff. At the highway 40 crossing a tunnel will be added for the future bike trail. J. Morales and D. Erickson spent a day with Wenck training for this project. D. Erickson reviewed erosion control measures, sensitive areas and flow rates. An error was found in the description of impervious surface where different numbers were used in error and this was corrected. A motion to approve the Hwy 71 reconstruction project was made by B. Wing, seconded by R. Schaefer. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Annual Open House – Date was changed to July 11th at 5:00-6:30 prior to the monthly meeting. Post card invitations will be sent to the public.

4. Soil Health Field Day June 28, 2013 – Will be held Morris, MN and the Board is invited to attend.
 5. Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting -D. Erickson stated about ¼ of the Committee was in attendance. Main topic discussed was “actionable items”. Discussed the role of other WD's CAC's. T. Guptill is tasked with finding out what another CAC's are doing. R. Schaefer offered to pass on information from the MAWD organization.
 6. Green Lake-R. Hodapp stated that he received a phone call from a resident concerned about the restocking of walleye in Green Lake. The person seeking information on potential studies on fish population after infestations of zebra mussels. K. Kaehler stated that the funding was obtained through a heritage grant for last summer. Results were obtained and a report created. A special Montana lab had the bid for analysis. Funding ran out and the project stopped.
- e. Administrative matters – Follow-up
1. *Nest Lake Assessment* – MN DOT - M. Johnson informed J. Hedtke on the history of the issue: MN DOT did not attend or comment on the project, did not pay their tax assessment and now refuses to pay. M. Johnson received a call from MN DOT attorney, who stated the State does not own the property. The map shows an error by our viewer. J. Kolb stated the DOT should still pay. A motion to remove the DOT assessment was made by B. Wing, seconded by G. Behm. The motion passed 5-0.
 2. Minnesota Association of Watershed District Summer Tour-See brochure.
8. Legal Counsel Report (*J. Kolb*) Looked at the most recent update of proposed legislation and funding,
 9. Public Access Forum -S. Worm asked, “Who pays for the special assessment and study?” Discussed the cost and future costs of special projects. G. Behm asked about the highway 4 by Diamond Lake; R. Indieke stated the project will more likely be slated for 2019.
 10. Adjourn – A motion by J. Hedtke, seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting; motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary