

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

May 5th, 2009
MFCRWD Office
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, G. Behm, R. Hodapp, R. Zenner, and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden Henjum & S. Jacobson-Staff, A. Ripple-Rinke-Noonan, T. Bonde-Technical Advisor, D. Hanson-SWCD and J. Peterson-Nest Lake.

1. Chairman R. Hodapp called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.
2. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the April 7th minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurers Report was presented by C. Anderson and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Treasurers Report, subject to audit. The motion passed. Discussion took place on the number of lake associations assisting with monitoring and payment of analysis fees. George Lake currently does not share in the analysis cost of monitoring. J. Peterson volunteered to discuss the matter with a George Lake Association member. Currently the WD is monitoring on Elkhorn Lake due to a lack of a volunteer. R. Schaefer volunteered to contact property owners who may be willing to assist with monitoring.
5. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the May Bills to Pay list. The motion passed.
6. Administrators Report:
 - 6.a. Review of Calendar
 - 6.b. Review of Project Status:
 - 6.b.1. Nest Lake Petition-Engineers Reports (2) were reviewed by the Board. C. Anderson reported that he asked EOR and Wenck to redo their original bids for this Project. EOR's bid then increased to \$12,000 and Wenck's decreased slightly. C. Anderson stated that after applying a grading system to the proposals, Wenck arrived at a better score of 90 to EOR's 83. Discussion took place as to the cost of the overall Project. R. Zenner asked about the overall cost of this Project for the property owners. According to 103D, should the process be dismissed at any time, the cost of the Engineering report and the cost of a "reviewer" who assigns benefit to individual property owners would be the responsibility of the Nest Lake Improvement Association (NLIA), as they brought forth the petition. J. Peterson stated that the cost of the Engineering Report alone could deplete the Nest Lake funds. R. Schaefer suggested that the WD hold off on requesting an Engineering Report until NLIA can meet and discuss the matter. J. Peterson stated that the NLIA is applying for grant money for the Project through the DNR but do not have any other funding at this time. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to table the

approval of an Engineering Report for the Nest Lake Petition until the June meeting. The motion passed.

6. b.2. Belgrade stormwater feasibility study update-J. Michels-EOR finished the study and information was shared with the City of Belgrade. The project was tabled due to lack of funds. Belgrade is not eligible for stimulus funds as the receiving water is not impaired. A. Ripple stated that the State of MN does have some money available in the Public Facilities Authority fund, which Belgrade may be eligible.

6.b.3.Green Lake Inlet Partnership update-The Legislature has decided to not fund this project. The project group will continue to pursue funding. The Partnership will continue to hold regular meetings and work to improve the water quality of the stormwater flowing into the lake.

6.b.4. Diamond Lake TMDL study update-April's dry weather limited sampling data leading to 2 inlet sites having low/no flow conditions. Lake sampling is taking place at the usual sites. Staff believes that the limited sampling that will be conducted on the inlets due to the lack of water will not affect the overall accuracy of the models.

6.b.5. BMP projects:

6.b.5.a. Randy Anderson (K-2-09) exclusion fencing and river crossing project is located south of Belgrade by 275th Street. Project location is close to a monitoring site. Horses cross the Middle Fork Crow River for water and grazing. Photos show erosion and a lack of vegetation on the river bank area. S. Wright had suggested to the property owner that the site would be a good BMP project. Several organizations (Kandiyohi County, DNR and WD) partnered on this project to develop project specifications. Technical Advisory Committee approval was not required due to a high score on the ranking sheet. A trailer bed frame will be placed over the river for the animals to cross and barbed wire fencing will be installed to keep the animals away from the river banks and the adjacent wetland areas. J. Flanders asked about the safety and sturdiness of a trailer frame. This type of structure has been successfully used in the past. The property owner and contractor would be responsible for the structure. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the project up to 75% of the approved cost of \$11,505 after the property owner has signed the necessary forms.

6.b.5.b. Ambourn Shoreland restoration (K-3-09) project is located on Monongalia Lake and was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee. Project cost is \$1,795 and a motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Zenner to approve up to 75% of project cost for the Ambourn property. The motion passed.

6.b.5.c. M. Hodapp raingarden project (K-5-09) is located on Green Lake. Two raingardens are needed to resolve a stormwater collection problem. Permits have been obtained. Project cost is \$4,630 and a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to 75% of the approved project cost. R. Hodapp abstained from the vote and the motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

6.b.5.d. Cassmann Shoreland stabilization /restoration project part II is contract K-6-09. This portion of the project involves filling a tube with compost material, which will be staked into the hillside. Putting in a "long stick excavator" which will pull back the shoreline to decrease the slope. This reduces the 1:1 slope of the property. Permits were obtained from the County and the DNR and all forms were completed. M. Blickenderfer-University of MN Extension also contributed to this project. Project cost is \$15,000 and a motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to 75% of approved cost for Cassmann part II project. The motion passed.

6.b.5.e. Bentson raingarden (K-8-09) project is to capture the runoff from the roof of a house, which has caused erosion. A tile will extend from the rain gutters towards the raingarden. No permit was required by the DNR but all other necessary permits were obtained. Project cost is \$4007.50 and a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to 75% of the approved project cost. The motion passed.

6.b.5.f. S. Wright Shoreland restoration (K-9-09) project is located on George Lake. The restoration is needed to capture runoff from a road and gully area. Property is by Cty. Road 32 and is adjacent to a wetland area. Permit completed with WD and no DNR or County permit required. Project cost is \$6,227 and a motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Wright restoration project. The motion passed.

6.b.5.g. High Point Condominium stabilization/restoration (K-10-09) project is located on the south side of Nest Lake by Cedar Point Resort. This shoreline slope needs to be reduced and the erosion repaired. Most of the work will be the restoration of the shoreline. Technical Advisory Committee has approved the project and permits are being requested from the County and DNR. Project cost is \$18,000 and a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to 75% of the approved project cost after all permits have been obtained and approval granted by the Technical Advisory Committee. The motion passed.

6.c. Administrative Matters:

6.c.1. Permit requests/ Administrator approvals

6.c.1.a. Bentson 09-03 permit request for raingardens was reviewed by the Board.

6.c.1.b. Cassmann 09-04 permit request for raingardens was reviewed by the Board. WD staff stated that the initial process for permit applications took four hours and now is down to one hour. WD staff takes this time to also educate the applicant.

6.c.2. Board consideration for June payments as 2 grants will be expiring and payment needs to be made prior to the next meeting. The Board expressed its willingness to approve expected grant-related expenses to ensure that checks are issued prior to grant expiration, with a list of expected expenses to be provided by C. Anderson at the June Board meeting. C. Anderson stated that he has submitted paperwork for

the Cassmann project to SWCD, and requested one additional check for May. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders for payment of \$2314.50. The motion passed.

6.c.3. Official Departure of R. Zenner from the Board was scheduled for June 5th, 2009. Stearns County has posted for his position and the new Board member will start in July, 2009. Bruce Wing, a retired teacher from Stearns County has applied for the position. The Stearns County Commissioners will review the application and inform the WD of the new appointee. A message was read from T. Fischer-BSWR thanking R. Zenner for his service.

6.c.4. MAWD Summer Tour in Albert Lea was reviewed.

6.d. Follow up on April Administrative matters

6.d.1. Volunteer Monitoring Quarterly Report was submitted. Most of the time was for “in-kind” cash contributions. The final Volunteer Monitoring Report will be due in June.

6.d.2. Earth Day Event- S. Jacobson stated that over 700 people attended the 4th Annual Earth Day event.

7. Legal Counsel Report- A. Ripple stated that Rinke Noonan would have a booth at the MN Waters Conference.

8. Public Access Forum-Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held with Greg Lecy acting as chair person. G. Lecy did receive a copy of the MN Statutes concerning CAC's.

G.Behm attended the Kandiyohi County Commissioners meeting and updated the Board on the Diamond Lake Septic system. Their next meeting will be May 19th to further discuss viable options for the area.

9. As no other information was presented, a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary
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