

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

July 20, 2006

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Bell Tower Plaza

118 Lake Ave. N.

Spicer, MN 56288

PRESENT: Gordy Behm, Joseph Flanders, Robert Hodapp, Ruth Schaefer and Robert Zenner of the Board; Ann Latham Adm. Asst; Tom Fischer of BSWR; Kurt Deter-Attorney; Tom Bonde-Technical Advisor; Dennis Peterson-Kandiyohi County Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Hodapp at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion** was made J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
- 2. Motion** was made J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the June 15, 2006 minutes. The motion passed.
- 3. Treasurers Report-G. Behm**-see attached report.
 - 3.1 Motion** made by R. Zenner and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Treasurers Report. The motion passed.
- 4. Motion** made G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the July bills to pay. The motion passed. See attached report.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Wetlands Restoration-Sтивен Erickson-USFW in Litchfield

Prior to 1988 the USF&W could only work on federal land. Once the CRP program started in 1988 the USFW could work on state land, which created the opportunity to restore local wetlands. The funds for these projects come from the Private Lands Division which has a separate budget within the USFW.

County Ditch #26 is an example of a project that had potential but never came to realization. The project included many landowners, some of which were in favor of the project, one land owner was opposed. The project was turned down at a public meeting at the Irving Town Hall. R. Schaefer asked if portions of the project could still be pursued. S. Erickson stated that this could be considered if local property owners were interested.

A. Latham asked how the Watershed District can partner with USFW. S. Erickson

stated by working together in Colfax Township Judicial Ditch # 3 restoration of 100 acres will hopefully occur. The drained lake bed area will be restored to the previous water levels. T. Fischer stated the Wetlands Credit Bank requests that the landowner has to pay 100% of the cost of the restoration in order to obtain the credits.

6. Clean Water Legacy Act-T. Fischer-BWS

The "Clean Water Legacy Act Chapter 114.05 June 2, 2006," handout was reviewed with the Board. The Board would need to partner with an existing local unit of government as the Comprehensive Plan is not completed. The grant request could be used for: restoration, monitoring or other watershed district needs. The project for application would need to be cited in the "unit of government that is applying" for the grant money.

G. Behm asked about funding for wastewater treatment costs which is of concern for the Diamond Lake area. M. Leach stated that other smaller communities were approved for wastewater infrastructure funding. T. Fischer encouraged the Board to determine a focus and submit a 2 page request to the Clean Water Board.

7. Clean Water Partnership-M. Leach-MPCA-see handout

More information can be obtained from the MPCA website. The application deadline will be September 20, 2006. The grant will be a 50:50 match.

8. Comprehensive Plan update-

The Board was given the next chapter to review, the Board will then meet on July 27th to review the chapter and changes will occur at that time. MMDC will continue to present the Board an additional chapter at each Board meeting. Regularly scheduled meetings for the 4th Thursday will take place during the writings process of our Comprehensive Plan.

9. MN Legislative Auditor Questionnaire-R. Hodapp

The Legislative Auditors office sent out a request for information on projects performed by the Watershed District. G. Behm stated he would review the document and report back to the Board.

10. RFP for Administrator update-A. Latham stated that the office has received 3 applications thus far. The deadline is July 24th. The Board will meet with MMDC first and then close the meeting to review the applications. Both meetings have been posted.

11. Monitoring update- R. Schaefer-See update.

The Watershed District did receive the invoice from the DNR and the Board will pay the invoice in full.

MN Waters "Citizens Volunteer Monitoring Plan" training course is scheduled for September. R. Schaefer will contact the volunteers to review registration and commitment to the class. The Board will be updated in September.

DNR shoreline restoration grant will be reviewed to determine if it is appropriate for the Watershed District to pursue. R. Schaefer met with Jill Nelson-GLPOA and DNR specialist Leilani Peterson. Property owners are interested in this project on Lake Calhoun, Green Lake and on Nest Lake.

12. Office Update-A. Latham - See handout

As no further business was brought before the Board, a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth A. Schaefer
Secretary

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