

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
July 6th, 2010
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, G. Behm, R. Hodapp, B. Wing, R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator; V. Glieden Henjum & S. Jacobson-Staff, A. Ripple-Attorney and T. Schaefer-SWCD.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7:00 pm.

2. District Mission statement was read by R. Hodapp, "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed".

3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

4-8 Consent agenda: Approve minutes of June 1st meeting; Treasurers Report; July Bills to Pay; Permit #10-11 Hudson shoreline restoration and Permit #10-12 O'Neil's outdoor patio. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed.

9. Administrator's Report:

9. a. Review Calendar

9. b. Review of Project Status:

9. b.1 BWSR Conservation Drainage Grant update-New information available to staff indicates that the two fields initially selected for this project are not viable. C. Anderson met with G. Behm to view other possible fields; G. Behm is interested in the concept. NRCS and BSWR-Joel Peterson are working with the WD on this project. C. Anderson will meet with J. Peterson (BWSR) to present the new changes to the project and get the green light on said changes. The grant is not linked to one specific field, so the WD has some flexibility. Flat fields that are currently tilled are more ideal for this practice.

9. b.2 Clean Water Partnership Continuation Grant update

9. b.2.a C. Filley Shoreland restoration project has been completed.

9. b.2.b Belgrade Stormwater project update-The City of Belgrade has signed a cost share contract with the WD for the Highway 71 construction project. Currently the City of Belgrade is working with WSB Engineering, who is working on engineering plans for the project.

9. b.3 Diamond Lake TMDL update-The monitoring report has been finalized and is available for review at the WD office. MPCA has reviewed the report and provided comments. A Public Meeting is scheduled 7-29-10 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Conclusions of the report discuss the relationship between Chlorophyll A and phosphorus loading, among others. Part of the discussion will focus on limnology of the lake.

9. c Administrator's Report:

9. c. 1 Q2 Actual expense form was reviewed by Board and staff. Board reviewed the status of expenditures. "Engineering and Consulting expenses" is over budget due to the increased number of BMP projects that have required those services; grants that were awarded after the annual budget was approved is the reason for the overage. Most engineering costs are directly tied to certain grant funds and not taken out of the general fund. The BMP/Septic Loan has had no activity this year and ways to improve the marketing of these funds were discussed.

9. c. 2 Education program update, philosophical discussion- T. Bonde stopped by the office to discuss with C. Anderson his concern about the WD efforts on education. T. Bonde felt that the school system receives funding from state and federal raised taxes and that the water quality education is not the place of the WD. The Board discussed his concern and reviewed the "educational requirements" of many grants received by the WD. The Board stated, "Education is part of our Comprehensive Plan and a significant component in our grant funds. We respect his views but we will continue to provide educational components to the District".

9. c.3 Water Management Summit discussion with the Board. The upcoming meeting will be attended by C. Anderson and R. Schaefer. See meeting notice.

9. c.4 Office space options. G. Behm has met with Spicer Mayor D. Baker. Options reviewed were possible development of the grain bin site; land by Faith Lutheran Church or on County Road 8 across from the DNR office. R. Schaefer met with Mayor B. Gossman and Administrator T. Guptill of New London. New London City Council is pursuing a grant for demolition and development. The City of New London has several buildings that are potential sites. The City is offering development options or a long term lease. The Board and staff discussed the need to determine the space needs of the District. It was decided that C. Anderson will contact Engan Associates for planning meetings. These meetings will be posted, as the Board members will be in attendance.

9. c.5 Donation from the Middle Fork Crow River Lakes Partnership. T. Freeze informed the WD that "The Middle Fork Crow River/Lakes Partnership" has dissolved and \$19.47 remains in their checkbook. The organization wants to donate the remaining funds to the WD. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to accept the donation of \$19.47. The motion passed.

9. c.6 An extra check for \$5502.55 was requested by C. Anderson for the payment of the previously approved monitoring equipment. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve an extra check for the \$5502.55. The motion passed.

9. c.7 Shoreland restoration issues at High Point on Nest Lake- An email was received at the WD office expressing concern about the "lack of growth of certain native plants". The cost share agreement contractual obligations were reviewed. The situation will be monitored and addressed with the property owners.

9. c.8 Neer Park Shoreland restoration progress was reviewed. Site visits performed by S. Jacobson and V. Glieden Henjum stated, "progress is good in some areas and others are sparse". WD staff and M. Johnson of the Little Crow Ski team will attend the City Council meeting in New London.

9. c.9 Agreement for Pledged Securities-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R.Schaefer to approve the Pledged Securities. The motion passed.

9. d.Follow up on June administrative matters

9. d.1 A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$300.00 for MFCRWD shirts with the WD logo and lettering. The motion passed.

10. Legal Counsel Report-A. Ripple presented information on the “Cost share contract template”. He expressed a number of concerns about the form that needs clarification. After review of the changes needed were discussed. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the revision of the Cost Share Contract. The motion passed.

11. Public Access-none

12. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary