

Middle Fork Crow River Water shed District

Board of Managers Meeting

August 8th, 2011

174 Lake Avenue North

Spicer, MN 56288

Present: J. Flanders, R. Hodapp, G. Behm and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden-Henjum-Technicians J. Kolb-Legal Counsel; R. Ringquist -Appraiser; Wm. Holmberg; T. Johnson; N. Johnson; J. Johnson; H. Meints; J. Ruter; I. Mills; B. Nelson & M. Nelson.

1. The meeting was called to order by R. Hodapp at 7:05 pm.

2 The District Mission Statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was read by R. Hodapp.

3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the revised agenda, noting the addition of 10.c.11 BSWR Grant Season. The motion passed 4-0.

Consent Agenda: 4. Approve the July 5th minutes; 5. Treasurers Report; 6. August bills to pay; 7. Permit #11-10 Worm Shoreland Restoration-George Lake and 8. Permit #11-11 Island View Resort Restoration-Nest Lake. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Nest Lake Petition update: R. Ringquist presented the Appraisers’ Report to the Board, including the Determination of Benefits. Action tonight was to formally receive the report and a Public Hearing will be scheduled at a later time. Mr. Ringquist compared Nest Lake with lakes of similar conditions within Kandiyohi County and outside the county for a benefit analysis. He consulted with the DNR on the impact of AIS. Overall three tiers of land were analyzed. A 3% increase of land values based on the accessibility to the lake was used to determine potential benefit. A value of .25% to the 2nd tier properties was added and none to the 3rd tier. Overall benefit was determined to be \$1.7 million for the weed harvester program. This is not the cost of the project but the value added to Nest Lake properties. Costs would be prorated over a 15 year assessment period. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and was seconded by G. Behm to receive the report and schedule the Public Meeting. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Sometime during the week of September 12-16th is tentatively scheduled for the Public Meeting. All Board Members will need to attend the meeting and notice will need to be published as required by law.

10. Administrator’s Report:

a. Review Calendar

b. Review of Project Status

1. Belgrade Stormwater project update: K. Klasen-WSB Engineering stated the project bids would be solicited. S. Jacobson will monitor the project under the issued permit and inform the Board of project progress. Estimated start time is late summer, with completion expected in the late fall.

2. Diamond Lake TMDL update: The contract completion date was 6-30-11. Final report was approved by the MPCA; in all, the project costs went over budget by \$2000. L. Engelby and J. Bredberg-Kandiyohi County emailed C. Anderson stating that some negative feedback was received in County offices by the Corn and Soybean Growers Associations in reference to agricultural comments in the report. Best management practices identified in the report document are not mandatory for area farmers, but rather are voluntary. The DL watershed is in a rural agricultural area and the impact of agriculture on water quality will be part of the report. MPCA will forward the document on to the EPA once the Commissioner approves the report.

c. Administrative Matters:

1. Future office needs-J. Kolb stated that if the Board is seriously considering the vacant lot in Spicer they may want to consider soil core samples. Geotechnical exploration was estimated at \$1500-\$2000 for the 1.5 acre site. The Board discussed the value of core samples. No action was taken as the City of Spicer has yet to determine the property lines or cost of utilities.

2. Cameron Ridge Development update- S. Jacobson has monitored the site and indicated that the conditions noted in the CAPROC (Conditional Approval Pending Receipt of Changes) were met to a satisfactory extent and the project is progressing. L. Tilman of EOR reviewed the project change and the additional engineering cost of \$600-\$750 will be paid by the WD. The cost of enforcing our Rules would require an amendment to the Rules prior to passing applicable costs onto the permit holder; this is not likely, as this type of review for similar projects is seen as a cost of doing business.

3. 2012 District Budget Subcommittee was created with G. Behm and R. Hodapp and C. Anderson volunteering. The Public Hearing will be posted and held prior to the September Board meeting.

4. Letter to Kandiyohi County re: recent developments-C. Anderson will create a draft letter to address the need for better communication between the County and the WD office for permits. The County permit may need to specifically ask if the property owner resides within the MFCRWD. C. Anderson will discuss this matter with G. Geer.

5. Project K-4-11 Dougherty Bank Stabilization project- See packet prepared by V. Glieden-Henjum description of the project and engineering estimates. She also stated that the CROW Joint Powers (\$20,000) and the SWCD (\$2,500) may contribute up to \$22500. C. Anderson stated that although more expensive than our other shoreline restoration projects; this project has significant potential for phosphorous and erosion reduction into Nest Lake. All three organizations (CROW, SWCD, and MFCRWD) total contributions cannot exceed 75% of the project cost. Our potential cost share could be \$21,000. The Board discussed the different engineering options noting that the Engineer would work for the land owner not the WD. The WD could contribute funds towards the project once a completed permit was received and approved. While the Board supports this project, it has not yet been approved and is tabled until more concrete cost information is available.

6. Project K-5-11 Mahn Shoreland Restoration-project cost estimated at \$5,550 to correct the erosion on the shoreline of the Mahn property. The motion passed 3-0, with G. Behm abstaining.

7. Update on Michaelis Shoreline-No response has been received at the WD by the property owner following a certified letter sent by the WD on 7-16-11. Staff will try contacting the property owners to negotiate restoration of the shoreline prior to the sale of the property.

8. Project K-5-10 Dybevik Shoreland Restoration amendment- A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to amend K-5-10 from \$7,000 to \$7,875.

9. Project K-6-11 Brekke Shoreland Restoration amendment-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to amend K-6-10 from \$7,000 to \$7,875. The motion passed 4-0.

10. USGS cost share agreement is up for renewal. This gauge was used throughout the Diamond Lake TMDL Study and provides important hydrologic data and a solid historical record. The

WD cost to maintain this gauge has been increasing annually and is now at \$7,800 for a year. The Board discussed the possibility of other agencies contributing to the cost of the gauging station. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the renewal and directed C. Anderson to sign the agreement. The motion passed 4-0.

11. BWSR Grant Season- This topic was discussed at the CAC meeting on the difficulties of obtaining funds. The grant process is heavily weighted towards outcomes and 'shovel ready' projects, which places a greater burden on staff during proposal development. The possibility of adding the Dougherty project as a BWSR grant option was discussed. See email from J. Klocker-BWSR for explanation of the grant process.

d. Follow upon July Administrative matters

1. Website updating options update- still in the design process.

2. AIS Intern-T. Filzen worked this summer mainly Thursday –Monday eight hours per day. He was trained but not certified by M. Nelson who is a certified instructor. B. Nelson provided educational materials for the intern. The Board thanked the Nelsons for their time on this project. This summer's focus was more educational than "inspection" and this may change next year. T. Filzen worked off of a checklist recording: state license plate, awareness of the AIS laws and lakes visited prior to launch. All WD staff accompanied the intern to provide training and support.

3. MFCRWD Photographic Image Policy-See revised policy. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J., Flanders to approve the Photographic Image Policy as revised. The motion passed 4-0.

11. Legal Counsel-J. Kolb-no further comments.

12. Public comment-none.

13. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer
Secretary