

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
September 1st, 2009
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: Joe Flanders, Gordy Behm, Robert Hodapp, Bruce Wing & Ruth Schaefer of the Board; Chad Anderson-Administrator, Vanessa Glieden-Henjum & Sara Jacobson-Staff; Adam Ripple-Attorney; Tom Fischer-BWSR, Dennis Peterson-Kandiyohi County Commissioner; Loren Engelby-County Ditch Supervisor; R. Schneider, T. Frazee, Harlan Meints, Doug Hanson-SWCD, Greg Korstad, Joel Peterson and Dwaine Buer.

A Public Meeting was held at 6:45 for the purpose of a Budget Hearing. The budget was presented by C. Anderson and reviewed by the Board. No public comment was offered. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the budget. The motion passed and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:58 pm.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the August minutes. The motion passed.
4. The Treasurers Report was presented by C. Anderson and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Treasurers Report, subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. The September bills to pay were presented by C. Anderson and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the September bills to pay. The motion passed.
6. Concrete Products of New London expansion - G. Korstad, of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly, and Lindgren, represents Concrete Products of New London (CP-NL). Mr. Korstad informed the Board of the expansion project in the Hawick area. An Environmental Impact Study has been conducted on the expansion site. Permits have been obtained from Kandiyohi County for mining expansion up to 300 acres. Mr. Korstad asked if the WD was comfortable with the MPCA permit process or does the WD want its own permit filed and if so which one? Because the project disturbs 292 acres, it will trigger a WD permit (stormwater).

The gravel pit has a wetland on site and a 100 foot buffer will surround this wetland. Mr. Korstad stated that the mining would not impact the wetland area, as water would run towards the center of a pit away from the wetland area. CP-NL hopes to mine this area and return the land to agricultural purposes. CP-NL will meet with the Planning Commission on September 8th where the Environmental Impact Study will be reviewed.

The study specifies measures that the Company will need to take, to mitigate dust. Dust control measures are reportedly in place. MPCA required 2 permits for air and MPDS-aggregate. Kandiyohi County will require a Land Use Permit.

Discussion: T. Fischer asked if Jeff Bredberg has been contacted. G. Korstad stated “Yes and Bolton & Menk are doing a wetland study with appropriate permits pending”. A. Ripple stated that a Stormwater Permit is required by the WD due to the disruption of the acreage, and although the NPDES permit conditions cover District permits, he recommended that the District require a permit application. This will give the District the opportunity to check the site and monitor the work plan. G. Korstad stated the Company will apply for the necessary permits.

7. Stream Stabilization on CD 28-L. Engelby presented the Board with a potential project that the District and the County could do together. V. Glieden-Henjum has visited the site and stated the project would be a good project. Stream barbs (8) would extend approximately 12 feet on average into the middle of the stream. First, sediment would need to be removed, banks will be shaped appropriately, and plants and grasses will be planted to provide bank stabilization. Gerald Whitcomb, of Litchfield, placed a bid for \$15, 500 (tree removal, grubbing, stream barbs, reshaping the ditch). G. Behm asked how we can cost share the project. C. Anderson stated the CWP grant has enough funds for 50-75% cost share, and that the cost share contract would be directly with the county. The County Ditch Authority would own this project. The Board expressed interest in the project.

8. Crow River Organization of Water requests funds for the annual River Clean Up scheduled September 19th. V. Glieden-Henjum and volunteers will clean up the headwaters area in Belgrade. R. Schaefer and volunteers will clean up the New London and Spicer area. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve \$200.00 for the C.R.O.W. clean up project. The motion passed.

9. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) information was presented by R. Schneider and T. Frazee of Green Lake. R. Schneider requested that the WD support legislation requesting that the State of Minnesota take the lead on containing AIS/zebra mussels. Zebra mussels have been located in MN Lakes and it is a matter of time before they enter an area lake. R. Schneider reported that Colorado has implemented a plan that quarantines boats used in lakes with zebra mussels. All boats within the lake must stay in the lake or quarantine the boat for 28 days to kill the zebra mussels. Locally zebra mussels have been found in the Alexandria area, 22 lakes, and the Mississippi River. D. Peterson stated that the Kandiyohi County Board has passed a Resolution addressing AIS and plans on presenting it to the Association of County Commissioners. The County is looking for state wide support in addressing AIS. An AIS resolution will be presented to the State Association of County Commissioners. LCCMR funds may be available for treatment/management of AIS.

The DNR has the authority to close and manage the lakes as needed. Treatment has been limited to chlorine used for cleaning and decontamination of the mussels. D. Buer stated he was concerned about the amount of potential money spent on AIS, which would reduce the amount spent in the rural areas. R. Schneider asked if the WD would

duplicate the Colorado Project (quarantining lakes/boats) crafting an ordinance if needed. R. Hodapp stated the WD would need the support of the State of MN and the DNR. The Board agreed to review the request.

10 Administrator's Report:

10. a. Review of Calendar

10. b. Review of Project Status

10. b.1. Nest Lake update/request for program funds.- J. Peterson stated that the Nest Lake Association was pleased with the Feasibility Study, which cost \$5000; the Lake Association is requesting funds from the WD. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to \$2,500 for the Nest Lake Association Feasibility Study. The motion passed.

10. b. 2. MN Waters grant update-Lions Park project in Spicer is nearing the end. The signage has been ordered and will be posted. B. Hodapp stated he viewed the site recently and suggested to staff that they rope off the area with yellow tape to decrease the number of people walking through the site. Staff agreed to secure the area.

10. b.3. 319 Grant Stormwater grant/County Road 10 update-Two grit chambers have arrived and will be installed to decrease sediment entering Green Lake. See photos.

10. b.4. Diamond Lake fish barrier update- On 10/7/08 the WD Board approved \$6,500 for this project. LeRoy Dahlke of the DNR suggested that the DLARA apply for RIM funds for this project. The lake association would need to submit the funds ahead of time – therefore, they have requested that grant funds be paid earlier than usual. Total project cost is estimated at \$28,000 (\$15,000- DLARA and \$6,500-) and the DNR would take the lead of this project. A check for DLARA was approved with the Sep Bills to Pay/Treasurer's Report.

10. b.5. BMP updates-

-County Road 10 Channel Stabilization Project-See EOR memo dated 9-28-09 "Park Lane 50% Plan Set". The Plan Set is 50% complete and construction costs have been estimated for this project. Basic bid items were estimated at \$26,370.00 and additional alternatives items were estimated at \$12,960.00. The WD would assist with the \$5,500.00 line item for vegetation establishment. The City of Spicer would be responsible for the maintenance of sediment removal (\$2,500). The overall estimated total is \$36,000. After review of the proposal a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to 75% of approved cost of the overall estimated total of \$36,000; this motion is contingent upon both property owners (Rice and Nelson) agreeing to the final draft of the Engineering Report. Property owners will contribute the easement of the property for their share of the 25%. The motion passed.

-City of Spicer K-12-09. The CWP grant funds are available for this Project. A motion was by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve up to 75% of \$34,000 for grit chambers for Project K-12-09. The motion passed.

-Neer Park-The park project has suffered vandalism of removal of stakes and cutting of coco logs. Meetings will be scheduled with the City of New London and the WD to address the situation.

-Hodapp Raingarden-A 5" rainfall occurred which triggered problems. C. Meehan of Wenck Engineering evaluated the site. His impression was that:

the swale was not designed to capture the water; there are concerns about the elevation of the berm because elevations need to be higher on northeast side. Decorative block around the garden may have acted as a barrier for the flow of water. The WD will need to implement a change in future raingardens and should pay for the change or the WD can hire another contractor to correct the elevation problem. T. Frazee property will need to have the slope and pump house corrected.

-Cassmann shoreline is a work in progress and a meeting has been scheduled between the contractor and property owner next week.

-Wermerskirchen Shoreland project on Monongalia Lake has been completed. See photos.

10. c. Administrative matters:

10. c.1. MAWD-Dues are based on total market value of the WD; we paid \$2,000 for our dues.

10. c.2. Taxable Market Values-MN Statutes 103D require WD to provide each County an amount of what each city share would be for the WD tax due. See letter explaining levy certifications to all four county auditors - letters were sent to all counties.

10. c.3. Flooding situation in New London. A meeting with a property owner, City of New London, B. Gilbertson, L. Engelby to discuss a flooding situation. Apparently, an old private clay tile has broken and flooding occurs in a nearby mechanic shop by Jimmy's Pizza and on the property owners land. The matter was discussed. Unfortunately, the tile line is private, and the WD cannot become involved with the correction.

10. c. 4. MN Erosion Control Association membership is due. C. Anderson completed the application and filed all necessary paperwork for Board review. S. Jacobson is the District's Erosion Control Inspector and would benefit from the educational component. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to join the MN Erosion Control Association. The motion passed.

10. c.5. Truck bed liner-C. Anderson requested a truck bed liner to prevent damage to the truck box. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to \$1000 for the purchase and installation of a liner. The motion passed.

10. d Follow up on August Administrative matters:

10d.1. Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Continuation Proposal update-The WD received notification of that the CWP Grant extension. The WD requested \$389,000 and MPCA approved \$350,000 for grants and loans. See Grant proposal.

10. d.2. Summer Tour for public-The WD will plan a tour for the public next summer rather than this fall.

11. Legal Counsel-A. Ripple none.

12. Public Comment-

-H. Meints reported concern over the maintenance of BMP's. The Board reviewed the policy of WD staff monitoring of project site and the property owners responsible for maintenance of project site for 10 years. If the WD would need to correct or maintain a site, the property owner would be billed for the cost of such correction. It was agreed by all the WD needs more specific language in the BMP agreement.

-C. Aderson thanked H. Meints and DLARA for donating \$500 to ACGC for the 4th Grade Educational Program.

-C. Anderson reported that he visited a demonstration site of drainage management in Wilmont, MN. Two different plots were available for viewing which demonstrated ways to decrease nutrients and preserve water for irrigation. This could be a future project idea for a farmer within the WD.

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 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary

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