

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
September 2nd, 2008
174 Lake Ave
Spicer, MN 56288

The Public Hearing opened at 6:50 pm for review of the 2009 Watershed District budget. District Administrator C. Anderson presented the budget and provided copies of previous budgets for review. W. Thompson inquired about TMDL-Diamond Lake expenditures. WD staff explained state requirements for the TMDL studies. W. Thompson was concerned about the percent increase from 2008 to 2009. Most of the increase is due to the state required TMDL study. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the 2009 MFCRWD budget as noted. See budget. The motion passed and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Present: J. Flanders, G. Behm, R. Hodapp, R. Zenner, R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator; V. Gleidem-Henjum-Technician; S. Jacobson-Intern, T. Bonde-Technical Advisor; A. Ripple-Attorney; S. & H. Meints; B. Schultz; J. Teschendorf - Diamond Lake; W. Thompson-Atwater; D. Sander-CROW; C. Meehan-Wenck; J. Michaels-EOR; M. Leach-MPCA; J. Duinick-Green Lake and T. Frazee-GLPOA.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. C. Anderson requested a change in the agenda. Item 10.a "Wenck contract revision" was requested. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to revise the agenda as stated. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the August 5th minutes. The motion passed.
4. The Treasurers Report was presented by C. Anderson. See attached Treasurers Report. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Zenner to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
5. September bills to pay were presented by C. Anderson and a motion to approve was presented by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed.
6. W. Thompson requested a review of BMP completed thus far by the WD. J. Klocker, the former Administrator had started an inventory of all projects completed in each county, and this report was updated by WD staff. R. Zenner requested that a copy be sent to each county commissioner to inform them of projects completed within their respective county. W. Thompson inquired if the WD was paying for the removal of portions of the Recklefs garden. C. Anderson provided a summary of the Harrison Township Board meeting. The WD presented the process Ricklefs completed in order to obtain the grant from the WD. The Ricklefs presented their process of the project. The Township Board voted 3-0 to require the Ricklefs to remove stones/plants in the road right away. This area will need to

be returned to its original state, (3 changes were required: original grass, slope and approach restoration). See letter to Mr. Peterson by the WD. R. Zenner asked what the cost of restoration would be and who was paying for restoration. C. Anderson stated \$640 is the total at this time and Ricklefs are paying for the majority of the cost. No official request has been made by the property owners to the WD for assistance in restoration costs. R. Hodapp assured W. Thompson that the project did not go as smoothly as hoped, but that the WD would continue to provide grants for appropriate raingardens. W. Thompson asked that the WD be more conservative with tax payers' money.

7. Diamond Lake Wastewater Committee update was presented by H. Meints. On August 16th, approximately 250 attended the meeting. Again, information was presented on available systems. P. Miller-Wenck presented information on the results of the completed inspection process. Results indicated that 70% were found to be non compliant and 15 septic systems presented a health hazard. A list on "compliant" and "noncompliant" septic system owners was presented to the County. Home owners will receive written notice of the results of their inspection and financial information on replacement. More information is available on their website which is www.diamondlakemn.com or the WD website www.mfcrow.org for other links. H. Meintz stated that the County Commissioners are not interested in providing a partial trunk line to the Diamond Lake area. Other options discussed were joining up with the City Kandiyohi and the County Park area.

8. Diamond Lake BMP update-Ricklefs BMP project was discussed, the property owner has requested no additional funds, and therefore no formal action was taken.

9. Diamond Lake carp barrier. J.Teschendorf presented information on a cooperative effort project involving the lake association and the DNR. A feasibility study was performed and results indicate that the barrier between Diamond and Hubbard lakes does warrant replacement. The theory is that adult carp fish population would be retained in the basin and not allowed into Diamond Lake. Reverse aeration has also decreased the adult population in the lake. It is hoped that the barrier would keep the spawning process out of Diamond Lake. A grant application request from the Diamond Lake Recreational Association was submitted to the Board. It states the lake association and the DNR would each provide \$10,000 and requested matching funds from the WD. J. Flanders inquired as to maintenance of the barrier. The Diamond Lake Association would be responsible. R. Hodapp asked if there are any negative impacts on game fish; the group stated there was not a negative impact. T. Bonde of the WD Technical Advisory group stated this project was more appropriate for the Fisheries Department rather than the WD. R. Schaefer stated that conference presenters have stated that barriers and traps were described as "minimally effective in carp control". R. Zenner asked when the group hopes to install the barrier. H. Meintz stated installation was planned for 2009 and that the DNR would like to know before December 2008 if the project is approved. The Board decided that the project will go to the Technical Committee first and the matter will be added to the October/November Board Meetings.

10. Rules Update: C. Meehan-Wenck Engineering stated that the MPCA has passed the stormwater component in the state regulations and the treatment of 1/2" water is now

required be addressed in regulations/rules. The regulation of land disturbance of only 200 square feet was deemed too small and 400 square feet was deemed more appropriate. Stakeholders' responses thus far have been supportive and helpful. A. Ripple stated the Board could set the Public Hearing date. J. Duinnick asked what the main impairment identified within the WD. Phosphorus had been identified as problem #1 with erosion and sediment causing water clarity degradation. J. Michels stated the Rules should include retrofitting standards. Remodeling/retrofitting is an opportunity to decrease the stormwater management problems. The Board asked J. Michels to review the latest version of the Rules and provide comments to the Board, which he agreed to do. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by R. Zenner to hold a Public Hearing on October 7th at 6:30 pm. The motion passed. C. Anderson stated he would organize the publicity of the Public Hearing.

10. a. Wenck Budget-C. Meehan stated that the original contract was for \$12,000. Due to the number of meetings and travel time, more money will be needed to complete the contract. Only \$900.00 remains in the Wenck fund. R. Hodapp asked how much more money was needed and C. Meehan felt \$3,000-\$3,500 would be his best estimate. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and R. Zenner to approve up to \$3,500 to Wenck Engineering to complete the Rules, appendix, meetings, and other necessary tasks in order to complete the Rules Project. The motion passed.

11. Administrative Report:

11. a. Review of calendar: Less activity with only two meetings scheduled.

11. b. Review of project status:

11.b.1. County Road 10 project .The DNR easements are nearly final. The project was awarded to Monson Construction. The project will be implemented in phases, working west to east with completion up to County Road 8, by this winter. The eastern portion of County Road 10 is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2009. A stormwater pond has been approved for installation. The WD has received a feasibility report from EOR that addresses the 3 priority areas that have been discussed with the Board. The report contains estimates on implementation of the BMP's as well as the recommendation that the WD acquire easements to assist with the permanence as well as maintenance of BMP is indefinite. This possibility has been discussed with the Board. R. Zenner asked if it is the Boards responsibility to acquire the easements. C. Anderson stated that acquiring the easements would need to be at the directive of the City of Spicer and Board approval. T. Frazee expressed concerns about the number of outlets leading into the lake which are a source of pollutants and sediment. J. Duinnick a resident of Green Lake and employee of Prinsco described a valve/pipe apparatus which captures sediment, oil, and debris in a chamber. This type of device, he stated may be a benefit in the Alvig Slough/Park Lane outlet into Green Lake. C. Anderson requested study results of this chamber be sent to him for review. R. Hodapp, J. Michaels-EOR, and C. Anderson will create an Easement Committee and report back to the Board.

11. b.2. Diamond Lake TMDL Project Update-All streams are dry and only lake monitoring is taking place.

11. b.3. 319 Grant update. The WD received a signed copy of the quality Assurance Project Plan from the MPCA. It is hoped that the grant will be signed and finalized in September.

11. b.4 Best Management Practices-The WD received an inquiry for a shoreline restoration project which currently is still in the design phase. The property is located on Nest Lake. Hopefully this project will be on the October agenda as the shoreline needs urgent attention. In addition, the Spillseth property located on Green Lake is in need of stormwater management and a filter strip. The Spillseth family is hoping to complete this project on a fast track and was hoping for Board approval tonight. See quote and estimate of project. 75% of allowable charges would be \$8,806.81 as total cost of project is estimated at \$11,742.25. V. Glieden Henjum has made site visits, as have the DNR who are in favor of the project. Appropriate application forms are being completed and will be turned into the WD. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$8,806.81 for allowable expenses in the Green Lake stormwater project after all appropriate application forms are complete and permits obtained. The motion passed.

11. c. Administrative matters:

11. c.1. Sara Jacobson- The employment contract for our summer intern is due to expire in several weeks. C. Anderson recommended to the Board that a 6-month contract with a .50/hour raise be extended till the end of February, 2009 to allow for completion of the Nest Lake Management Plan and to cover during V. Glieden Henjums' leave of absence. He stated that S. Jacobson created and delivered a presentation to the Nest Lake Association on Curly Leaf pond weed, which is major nuisance in Nest Lake. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to extend the contract of Sara Jacobson at her current hourly rate till the end of February 2009. The motion passed.

11. c.2. Adopt the Crow-V. Glieden Henjum presented information on this project noting that it is more of a water quality project. Two teachers at New London-Spicer are assisting (Ms. Molenaar & Mr. Tebben). A contribution of \$500.00 was originally awarded to the school, for equipment. The 10th grade students will do water monitoring on the Mill Pond providing hands on analysis. The 5th graders will be instructed in "What is a Watershed?" and the identification of the macro invertebrates. D. Sanders stated that each school will design their own project. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$500.00 for the Adopt a Crow program. The motion passed.

11. c.3 "Clean up the Crow" river will take place on September 13th. R. Schaefer is unable to organize the New London-Spicer area. D. Sanders stated that she has a lead on another volunteer who may be willing to organize our area. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve up to \$200.00 for this program. The motion passed.

11. c.4 Renewal of membership to Minnesota Waters. A motion was made by R. Zenner and seconded by J. Flanders to approve \$50.00 for membership renewal. The motion passed.

11. c.5 Additional checks were requested by C. Anderson. A motion to approve 2 checks (\$352.89 and \$200.00) was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed.

11. c.6 Draft Public Data Request Policy-C. Anderson stated he will create a policy for the next meeting. No action taken.

11. c.7 Update on Belgrade storm drain stenciling-No new information as the student is waiting for approval by the Eagle Scout Commission.

11. c.8 Gary Westby intern Alex Nelson applied stormwater stencils in New London and Spicer area. S. Jacobson assisted with this project; photographs and news story will be submitted to Lakes Area Review. Both individuals performed shoreline surveys on Calhoun, Nest, Diamond, George, Elkhorn, Long lake and half of Green Lake. The shoreline inventory is part of an on-going DNR initiative to track changes to the shorelines over time.

11. c.9 Storm drain stencils-See above notes.

11c.10 Septic upgrade project completion for Jensen property. Funds paid out for contract K-3-08.

11. c.11 Septic upgrade project completion for Ryan property. Funds paid out for contract K-4-08.

11. c.12 Nest Lake Association meeting was attended by WD staff and a presentation was made by S. Jacobson and C. Anderson on the Watershed District, Curly Leaf Pondweed and best management practices. See above notes.

11. c.13 Lake Management Plan-Nest Lake is still in process.

11. c.14 Administrator pay raise was noted in the employment contract of C. Anderson. The Board expressed their approval of the quality of work performed by our Administrator. The number of projects has increased significantly over the last year. Therefore, a motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve a 4% raise in salary for C. Anderson. The motion passed.

11. d. Follow up on August administrative matters

11. d.1 Diamond Lake TMDL Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 9th at the WD office.

12. Legal Counsel Report: A. Ripple no new information.

13. Public Access forum: No comments

14. Adjourn-As no new 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 closed at 9:40 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
9-30-08