

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

**September 5th, 2017, 6:00 Budget Hearing, 6:30 Board Meeting  
MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN 56288**

Present: B. Wing, J. Hedkte, R. Schaefer; absent-G. Behm-Board, absent-R. Hodapp-Board; WD staff-M. Johnson & K. Kaehler and R. Imdieke-County Commissioner.

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm by B. Wing-VP and the mission statement was read. MN Statute 103D.911 Budget rule was presented by M. Johnson along with the MFCRWD proposed 2018 budget. The income and expenditures were reviewed and discussed by the Board. After no comments were made by the public; a motion was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by R. Schaefer to close the Budget Hearing. The motion passed 3-0 and the hearing closed at 6:19 pm.

**Board of Managers Meeting**

1. B. Wing called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The District Mission Statement “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was presented by B. Wing-VP.
3. Motion was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

**Consent Agenda**

(The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member).

1. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve the minutes of the August 1st meeting
  - b. July 1 – September 15, 2017 – Treasurer’s Report
  - c. 17-11: Erosion control permit at 315 Lake Ave S Spicer, MN – Owner David Kilpatrick - By Premium Properties, INC -Native Shoreline Restoration
  - d. 17-14: Erosion control permit at 14861 Breeze Point Road Atwater, MN – Owner Mark Turtle - By Kompelien Construction – Home & Garage Build
  - e. 17-15: Erosion control permit at 271 Lake Ave. S. Spicer, MN – Owners Scott & Kathy Pollock – By Stonefield Construction – Home, Driveway & Garage Build
  - f. 17-16: Erosion control permit at 9764 Lake Ave. S. Spicer, MN – Owner Mary E. Ahrenholz – Agent Graves Construction – Home & Garage BuildMotion made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Hedkte to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Administrator’s Report:
  - a. Review Calendar/District Activities-M. Johnson reviewed both with the Board. See report.
  - b. Project Status – Follow-up
    1. Accelerated Implementation – County Ditch 47-The Meeker County Open House is scheduled on 9-19-17 at the Litchfield Courthouse at 5:30-6:30 pm. This is not a Public Hearing; no binding decisions will be made at this meeting. Land owners will receive a postcard invitation and a notice will be posted in the Litchfield newspaper (Independent Review).

2. North Fork One Watershed One Plan-see activity report-The Board discussed the Ag stewardship maps, which identify highly erodible soils. The meetings are now scheduled monthly, in the final stretch of the project.
3. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler - Implementation Activity CIP #13-02- Construction needs to be done prior to the Wheeler draw down. The engineers estimate was \$403,727.50. Two bids were received by Ducks Unlimited, one from Land Pride at \$428,390.00 and one from Landwehr \$368,864.50. Landwehr Construction being the lowest bid. Contract was offered and accepted by Landwehr Construction. Work will begin this fall; the schedule will work around harvest. J. Kavanaugh (DNR Shallow Lakes) reported the draw down process is occurring. DNR is monitoring the water gauge during rain events, adjustments are made as needed to prevent flooding and excessive flows. Schultz lake has dropped 50 inches; sand bags were placed between Schultz and Wheeler lake to avoid drawing down North Wheeler until the construction is ready.

c. Administrative matters

1. Budget 2018 -Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve the 2018 MFCRWD budget of \$782, 313. The motion passed 3-0.
  - a. Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management-Motion by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve \$20,000 for the Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management Program Motion passed 3-0.
  - b. Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management -Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve \$55,400 for the Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Program. Motion passed 3-0. M. Johnson reported the WD has some deferred revenue from property owners not paying taxes on time.
2. Burbank Township – road work – The degree of burden placed on townships, in obtaining a WD permit was discussed. A policy change and ease in the process will be developed. The WD will send every township a letter reviewing the permitting rules. Discussed a “general permit for township repairs”. R. Imdieke said the county has a county wide township meeting next week; M. Johnson will contact Mel Odens regarding the meeting.

d. Administrative matters – Follow-up

1. BWSR Summer Tour - County wide tour of BWSR projects was well attended by local officials and agencies. In attendance from the WD was J. Hedtke, B. Wing, R. Schaefer, B. Hodapp, M. Johnson, J. Morales and D. Erickson. Many of these projects could be part of a MAWD Summer Tour.
2. K-01-17 Green Lake Nursery Project - work will take place this fall.
3. DNR project – Saulsbury boat access-A meeting this Thursday will include DNR and WD staff at the WD office.

6. Legal Counsel Report- No comments.

7. Public Access Forum: R. Imdieke reported that J. Kolb had suggested that County, WD and Cities rethink their permitting process. It is confusing to the public when and where a permit needs to be obtained. A “One Stop Permit Shop” would make the process easier and perhaps compliance would improve. M. Johnson suggested a one-word change from “shall” to “must “in the County and Cities permits would agree with WD permit requirements. The idea was discussed and the WD will send a representative to the next meeting involving permits. 2) County EDC for tourism funds, one idea was to create “water trails” in the County. This project idea would work towards the improvement of kayaking, canoeing and other access points to the rivers. Water trails signage would be added. 3) Also discussed the Governor Dayton will be fishing in Kandiyohi County for the 2018 Fishing Opener. 4) R. Schaefer reported that the 2018 MAWD Summer Tour will be a Metro Water Tour. MFCRWD could host the 2019 if staff felt we were ready to host. 5) M. Johnson reported the DNR has sent a letter reporting on the

safety problems with the Nest Lake Dam (Olde Mill Inn). This is a private dam and the DNR would like to purchase the dam. The land owner has declined. The WD could work with the DNR and further the idea of a fixed structure to ensure safe water levels for Green Lake and the downstream water ways. The Dam Safety inspection letter will be sent to the Board. M Johnson has already discussed the idea with Rep. D. Baker.

8. Motion by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to adjourn. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting was closed at 7:53.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer  
Secretary