

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
September 7th, 2010
174 Lake Ave.
Spicer, MN 56288

Public Hearing for the Adoption of Annual Budget

Chairman R. Hodapp called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 6:45 pm for the purpose of approval of the Annual Budget. Present: G. Behm, R. Hodapp, B. Wing, J. Flanders, and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson-Administrator, V. Glieden Henjum & S. Jacobson-Staff, A. Ripple-Attorney; P. Hudalla -WSB Engineering, T. Schaefer – Kandiyohi SWCD, D. Peterson-Kandiyohi County Commissioner and H. Meintz-Diamond Lake. The 2011 Proposed Budget was reviewed and discussed by the Board. After review, a motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to pass the 2011 budget. The motion passed. No comments were offered by the Public. The Public meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp.
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 G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the August 3rd meeting.
 5. Treasurer’s Report
 6. Septembers bill to pay
 7. Permit #10-13: Noeldner basement construction
- A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

Regular Agenda

8. Citizens Advisory Committee appointments were presented by V. Glieden Henjum. Concern was expressed over the lack of representation of Meeker and Kandiyohi SWCD Board Member. The Board expressed approval of that a SWCD Board Member or employee interested in watershed issues may serve on the CAC. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the presented Board and CAC membership. The motion passed. See form dated 9-7-2010. T. Schaefer-SWCD offered to check into possible board members who would be interested in serving on the CAC.
9. Agricultural BMP Incentive Program- C. Anderson reported that MFCRWD staff met with R. Reimer (K-SWCD), J. Kavanah (DU), B. Gilbertson (DNR), S. Smith (K-NRCS) met to discuss ideas on improving participation with regard to agricultural BMP projects. Possible incentives

and partnering with other agencies were reviewed. The Hawk Creek watershed project, which does provide additional incentives, was given as an example. Some lake associations also provide an additional financial incentive for BMP projects. Ex. Diamond Lake Association provides up to 10% up to a maximum of \$1000 per project. B. Wing asked “What types of projects?” C. Anderson stated the WD focus would most likely be buffer strips, alternative tile intakes, wetland restoration projects, etc. C. Anderson will work to develop a strategy for the MFCRWD incentive program.

10. Administrator’s Report:

10. a. Review of Calendar-See calendar

10. b. Review of Project Status

10. b.1. Behm Conservation Drainage cost share project K-4-10 was reviewed and a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve 75% cost share of \$1300; cost share not to exceed \$975. The motion passed. G. Behm abstained from voting.

10. b.2 Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) program update-C. Anderson reported that the contract for the IWM project was signed with MPCA last month. The new regional approach to TMDL implementation will reduce the cost and speed up the process of addressing impaired waters throughout the state. The WD will be the fiscal agent for the project, which will save \$15,000. The implementation plan will benefit both impaired and unimpaired waters in the watershed.

10. b.3. Diamond Lake TMDL project update- A conference call with MPCA along with Houston Engineering took place. The purpose of the phone call was to discuss the final TMDL number, and the varied formulaic approaches that can be taken. The draft TMDL document should be finalized toward the end of the October and should be at our office for review shortly thereafter. Public meetings will then be scheduled. After EPA approval, funds can be requested. This project has been nearly 3 years in the making.

10. b.4. Belgrade Stormwater project update-C. Anderson introduced P. Hudalla – WSB Engineering firm who stated that the City of Belgrade is at a stand still for viable solutions for the Project to move forward. C. Anderson and all those involved expressed surprise in the fact that the 7 soil borings conducted indicate that the water table is higher than previously thought and more clay was present. Both of these findings indicate the previous plan needs to be changed. Concerns expressed were a) large enough storage area, b) peak discharge in the receiving ditch would be 20 times higher than it is now and this would increase degradation in the channel. P. Hudalla stated that the City of Belgrade wants safety to be the number one goal with water quality second. He also stated that MN DOT now requires a 60” pipe so the 42” size is a significant improvement. The Minnesota Stormwater Manual requires 3 feet of separation from the surface and water table; soil borings collected this past summer indicate a relatively high water table, meaning that the 3 feet of separation would not be possible at all the proposed infiltration sites. C. Anderson stated the Phase I study set a goal of Total Phosphorus reduction of 20-30% in the upper portions of the watershed. Concern was expressed that this project left as is may very well increase erosion in the stream banks, and increase Total Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids. The Board and staff discussed options and the need for this project to move forward. The Engineers, CROW, Stearns County SWCD, EOR, and the WD will meet again to continue working on this project. D. Peterson stated the group may want to consider incorporating a county ditch that was abandoned in the Belgrade area.

10. b.5 Nest Lake Petition update on the Curly Leaf Pondweed. C. Meehan-Wenck Engineering presented options available to the Nest Lake Association on: Mechanical treatment only, Mechanical and Herbicide combination treatment, and Herbicide treatment only. C. Meehan also discussed some rough numbers on possible annual costs per property owner, which was well received. He will attend the WD meeting in October to submit the Engineer's Report.

10. c. Administrative matters

10. c.1 V. Glieden Henjum will take a 5 week maternity leave starting in September and returning November 15th.

10. c.2 Loan for CWP Continuation project is Resolution 10-03 was reviewed. C. Anderson pointed out that all previous CWP funds have not yet been dispersed, and will be available. The additional \$150,000 will be used for added incentives for BMP projects and septic loans. The interest rate of the low interest loans is 3.5%; the District only pays for those dollars dispersed. The City of Belgrade has expressed potential interest in a low interest loan, which could use up to \$100,000 or more. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve Resolution 10-03 of CWP Continuation. The motion passed.

10. c.3 Future office needs-V. Glieden Henjum is conducting an inventory of all WD equipment and furniture to determine amount of space needed for the office to function well. On going meetings are posted and scheduled with Architect D. Day.

10. c.4 MAWD Annual Meeting Resolution, Program, & Project Awards schedule was reviewed. The WD does not have any Resolutions pending.

10. d Follow up on August administrative matters

10. d.1 New cost share contract template was presented by A. Ripple. A new cost share agreement with added legal description was added. Property owners/WD staff will need to copy and attach a legal description to their permit in order to avoid typos. S. Jacobson asked for a correction to a stipulation on the final page that states the county SWCD and District employees will have access to the property. Correction will be made. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the new cost share agreement after the change is made. The motion passed.

11. Legal Counsel Report- A. Ripple stated that the projects will have to be separated by county, but multiple projects may be recorded on the same form in all counties.

12. Public Access Forum-no comments.

13. 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 p.m. The motion passed.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary