

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
174 Lake Ave N
JULY 3rd 2012 Managers Meeting
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: G. Behm, J. Flanders, R. Hodapp, B. Wing and R. Schaefer of the Board; C. Anderson, V. Gleidem-Henjum and M. Peeters-Technicians; J. Kolb-Legal and H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7:00 pm.
2. The District Mission Statement "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the MFCRWD" was read by R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion was passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. July bills to pay
7. Permit#12-10: Bertram Shoreland Stabilization/Restoration (Diamond Lake)
8. Permit #12-11: Gehrke Ice Ridge Removal, hydro seed (Elkhorn Lake)

A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. New building financing options presentation: David Drown Associates Inc. –See letter by D. Drown, which was reviewed with the Board. Points of discussion were: to send out the bids as soon as possible; put off purchasing the land as long as possible; the more specific work begins after bids are presented; first payment would be due August 2013 and 2 interest payments would be due per year.

10. Administrator's Report:

10.a. Review Calendar-see calendar.

10.b. Review of Project Status-

10.b.1. Hubbard, Schultz, Wheeler Chain of Lakes Feasibility Study update-C. Anderson reported on a meeting with J. Kavanagh -Ducks Unlimited, H. Meints-Diamond Lake and others. DU Engineers determined the project is indeed feasible. Project time is estimated at 3-5 year time span. The drawdown of Wheeler (1 ft. water level); Hubbard (2 ft. water level) and Schultz (1 ft. water level) is expected to take approximately two years. Engineering and easements are underway and good land owner cooperation has occurred thus far. Overall estimated cost is approximately \$800,000. Ducks Unlimited staff is seeking 75% participation of land owners; funding options will be considered pursued in the near future.

10.b.2. Diamond Lake Fish Barrier Update-As the design has changed so has the cost; cost now is estimated at \$40,000. The DNR has agreed to pay the cost overrun amount. Completion is expected to occur this fall.

10.b.3. Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project update: The purchase of new equipment and additional staff time has allowed for 5500 cubic yards of Curly Leaf Pondweed to be removed from the lake, more than three times the previous high. Harvesting is done for the summer and lake residents are pleased with the results thus far. A chemical treatment is scheduled for the spring of 2013. The WD did not assess for all equipment costs which will be covered as a loan over time.

10.c. Administrative matters-

10.c.1. Project K-4-12 Hammerschmidt Shoreline restoration-This project involves the treatment of erosion of the shoreline and installation of native vegetation. The District's policy is to cost share 50% on projects without a major active erosion issue but with water quality and habitat benefits. V. Gleidem-Henjum recommended a 50% cost share match. Total cost is estimated at \$6,100 with the WD match of \$3050. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve Permit #K-4-12 for up to \$3050. The motion passed 5-0.

10.c.2. Project K-5-12 Lykken Shoreline Stabilization-V. Gleidem-Henjum presented on the Green Lake Project with a steep hillside which is eroding. Overall cost of the project is estimated at \$9,500 with a 75%

cost share of \$7,125. This project will also require a permit (\$100) from the City of Spicer. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve Permit K-5-12 with a cost of up to \$7125. The motion passed 5-0.

10.c.3. DNR Shoreland Restoration Block Grant-WD applied for the grant funds in 2011 and was informed that if funds were to become available, the District would receive a grant; funds have now become available. These funds could supplement some of the other BMP grant funds which are dwindling. No action taken.

10.c.4. Future Office Needs Update-Final version of floor plans were reviewed by all of the Board. R. Engan and A. Bjur will review and finalize.

10.c.5. AIS Intern Program Update- Overall the program is going well. M. O'Brien reported that he turned away 4 boaters on non WD lakes. M. Kueppers & J. Hunter are scheduled at lakes within our watershed and have not turned away any watercrafts.

10.c.6. Extra Check Request: An extra check for Adam Schumacher for \$137.75 was requested to reimburse an ACGC teacher. The check will cover transportation costs. Diamond Lake Association also contributed \$500 for this educational program.

10.c.7. Extra Check Request: League of MN Cities: A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the extra check for \$3046.00 our annual insurance policy. The motion passed 5-0.

10.c.8. Q2 Actual Expenditures: The report was reviewed by the Board.

10.c.9 2013 District budget Subcommittee: The subcommittee will consist of R. Hodapp, B. Wing and G. Behm. C. Anderson will post the meetings.

10.d. Follow up on June administrative matters

10.d.1.DNR Public Awareness Grant Update-C. Anderson continues to work on the semiannual report. AIS billboards are placed on Hwy 12 by Atwater and Hwy 23 close to Richmond. R. Schaefer will meet with B. Nelson and A. Latham to create a brochure as part of the grant funds.

10.d.2. Project K-1-12 Grit Separation Chamber on Kevin Drive Update-The chamber will be installed this month.

10.d.3. Project K-2-12 Rain Garden on Northeast Elkhorn Lake update- Project has just begun.

10.d.4. Project K-3-12 Bertram Shoreline Stabilization update-Installation initiated on July 2. M. Peeters is supervising the permit enforcement for this project on Diamond Lake.

10.d.5. Project K-1-08 Michaelis Shoreline Update- C. Anderson & J. Kolb reviewed possible options for resolution of this restoration project which is not being maintained as required in the permit. R. Michaelis did contact V. Gleidem-Henjum and agreed to install plants and receive assistance from the WD staff. V. Gleidem-Henjum will send the property owner a list of plants.

10.d.6. Erosion Control Inspector-M. Peeters has completed her training and received certification as an Erosion Control Inspector.

10.d. 7. Lake Calhoun CD 26 project-R. Schaefer will contact D. Schmidt and check on status.

11. Legal counsel-No report.

12. Public Access Forum-G. Behm asked about the Emerald Bay Project stating that plants were missing from the project site. V. Gleidem-Henjum will check of the project and report back to the Board.

13. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer-Secretary