

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District  
189 County Road NE  
Spicer, MN 56288  
November 3rd, 2015

Present: B. Wing, G. Behm; J. Flanders, R. Hodapp and R. Schaefer of the Board; M. Johnson-Administrator; L. Christensen, J. Morales-Technicians; J. Kolb-Attorney ;R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; City of Belgrade- Mayor R. Tschida and D Braegelman – City of Belgrade.

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 Middle Fork Crow River Watershed” was read by R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the October meeting
  5. Treasurer’s Report
  6. Permit #15-14 Gilbertson garage construction
  7. Permit #15-15 Stauffenecker garage construction and landscaping
- A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Regular Agenda

8. Administrator’s Report

8.a. Review of Calendar-see calendar

8.b. Review of Project Status

8.b.1. City of Belgrade- B. Wing attended a City of Belgrade meeting where property owner Mr. Westby reported his concern over the growing amount of water which surrounds his home. This water comes from a ditch (owner of ditch to be determined) which Mr. Westby stated carries more water since a City of Belgrade, DOT and the WD’s project was completed years ago. The property owner requests corrective action from the City of Belgrade/County and possibly the WD. The City feels that this is a private ditch and would benefit from cleaning. M. Johnson reviewed the project folder and noted that the house was built between 2003-2006 in a Palustrine, emergent, saturated, and partially drained protected wetland, which can be found on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s National Wetland Inventory. M. Johnson also called WSB Engineering group of the original project to seek their opinion. The Board did not feel that the original project negatively affected the property owner. The WD is not the ditch authority in this area, Stearns County is the ditch authority.

8.b.2. Accelerated Implementation Grant-L. Christensen reported on a the project with Wenck Engineering for a streambank assessment of a 14 mile stretch over a 2 day period. Survey work and streambed assessment will assist in determining the most important areas for BMP projects. J. Morales stated that the Rambow area of the river is “untouched-no problems noted”. However the area past Lake Calhoun by CD 20 in Meeker County is showing more erosion. He explained that a Trimble Unit is used for surveying to determine cross sections and future BMP priority areas.

8.b.3. CIP#13-02 Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz and Wheeler Implementation Activity-M. Johnson is expecting a final decision from Ducks Unlimited by 11-15-2015 and the Corp of Engineering permit has not been pursued. Commissioner Landwehr still needs to review

comments and hopefully approve the project. J. Kavanagh has accepted a new position as the Shallow Lakes Specialist with the DNR.

8. b.4. Green Lake Camp Parking Lot BMP-The project needs to be completed by Duinick Construction. Apparently a sand filter was plugged with sediment causing a problem which Green Lake Ministries and Duinick are aware of and will be correcting with the supervision of Houston Engineering. A swale will be created before the sand filter and the water flows under the road. The WD will withhold funding (expires 12-31-15) until the project is brought up to specifications.

8.b.5. Meeker County-Lilleberg streambank-The DNR has surveyed the streambank and drainage of CD 47. The Drainage Authority, the Meeker County reported that they will not pay for any projects in this area. A \$16,000 grant is available from Clean Water Fund, Streambank and Shoreline for cost share with the landowner. West Central Technical Service Area is in the process of reviewing the DNR survey to provide a complete design.

8.b.6. Brekke Bioreactor-See photos of the completed project.

8.b.7. North Fork 1W1P-See "Priority Zonation" Plan Map. M. Johnson asked the Board to review the MFCRWD Comprehensive Plan which will up for revision in 2017. She requests input as to the status of projects and priorities listed within the Comprehensive Plan.

#### 8.c. Administrative matters

8.c.1. K-3-15 Dawson Shoreline Voucher-This project is a restoration project on Elkhorn Lake with plantings of red dossier dogwood installation. A motion to approve K-3-15 for up to \$500. Was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm. The motion passed 5-0.

#### 8.d. Follow up on October administrative matters

8.d.1. BWSR Academy-All staff attended the conference.

8.d.2. Park Lane fixes- M. Johnson attended the Spicer City Council meeting and requested that the City contribute their portion of the necessary correction to this project (\$1574). See graph showing the total amount of phosphorus reduced by this project on Green Lake. R. Hodapp asked for clarification of responsibility of this project. M. Johnson stated that the City is responsible for the major cleaning and construction and the WD the minor cleaning of the project, with the use of hand tools. The City owns this project.

8.d.3. Regional AIS meeting review-J. Morales and R. Schaefer reported on the DNR Inspection Program update meeting. LGU's have now performed more watercraft inspections than the DNR. Up to 60% of inspections performed were upon entering a body of water and the remainder upon exit. Over the winter the DNR will analyze this data and determine where their decontamination stations should be placed for next year. The DNR also will be cutting their grant funds for inspections in 2016.

9. Legal Counsel Report-J. Kolb stated that the 2013 MAWD Resolution: District Funds & Statutory Correction, (see September 3, 2013 MFCRWD minutes) written by the Sauk River Watershed District and supported by this WD requested a clarification of the funding of WD projects. The Resolution if passed by the Legislature would have allowed for additional funding for for WD without having to always use their general funds. The status of previously proposed Resolutions was discussed by the Board. R. Hodapp (delegate) and B. Wing (alternate) will be representing the WD at the annual meeting. R. Schaefer will check with R. Bohn on the status/outcome of that Resolution.

10. Public Access-R. Imdieke stated that the DNR has requested the County provide a riparian easement for an undeveloped lot area adjacent to the Crow River by New London.

11. Adjourn-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer

Secretary