

MIDDLE FORK CROWRIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Meeting
February 5th, 2013
174 Lake Avenue North
Spicer, MN 56288

Present: R. Hodapp, J. Flanders (arrived at 7:08), B. Wing, R. Schaefer of the Board (G. Behm-absent); C. Anderson-Administrator; V. Glieden-Henjum, M. Peeters-Technicians; J. Kolb-Legal; D. Moudry-Lakes Area Review; J. Ruter, J. Peterson, W. Holmberg, B. Dice, T. Johnson-Nest Lake; R. Imdicke-Kandiyohi County Commissioner; J. Kavanagh-Ducks Unlimited.

1. Chairman R. Hodapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.
2. The District Mission statement "We exist for the preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed" was read by Chairman Hodapp.
3. A motion was made B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes of the January meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. February bills to pay
A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0.
7. MFCRWD-Project of the Year was presented to Nest Lake Improvement Association by R. Hodapp. See news release.
8. Schultz, Wheeler, and Hubbard Chain of Lakes Project: See handout "Diamond Lake Area Project". J. Kavanagh of Ducks Unlimited presented to the Board the Living Lakes Program. The project would include a drawdown of the listed 3 lakes. Ducks Unlimited (DU) would partner with the WD and Fish & Wildlife Services. As an example of this type of project he presented the Olson Lake Project (Raymond, MN) restoration project of 2006-2011. This project significantly reduced the phosphorus and chlorophyll-A. Olson Lake is now within MPCA impairment guidelines.

The DU proposal is to create an outflow (see #1) from Schultz Lake to County Ditch #28. Schultz Lake has the poorest water quality of the chain of lakes. The building of a 24" pipe would require two easements. See #2 – A concrete weir structure on N. Wheeler would also require an easement from the local township and one property owner. Kandiyohi County would need to provide a "Petition to Outlet" which would require a Public Hearing. Site #3 is N. Wheeler to S. Wheeler would require 1 easement from a property owner. The DU modeling estimated the drawdown would take 110 days; refill time estimated at 1.5 to 2 years.

J. Kolb stated that the WD could establish a water management area within the Subwatershed #8 – Diamond Lake, to secure new funds to be used for maintenance costs in the future. The WD would need to model what economic value is being added to Diamond Lake. V. Glieden-Henjum stated that monitoring data is available for this area from 2008, 2009, and 2011. DU monitored 2011 and 2012. The WD does have a permanent monitoring site by the DNR fish barrier. Federal funds may be available as Diamond Lake is an impaired lake and in the TMDL process. Life cycle of a drawdown is 8-12 years. Initial costs are estimated at \$800,000. Life expectancy of the concrete and steel structures is 30 to 40-years. An ad valorem tax, if imposed, would be district wide for 15 years.

The technical team meetings would need to accomplish: 1) a management plan would need to be developed for the Project with special mention of a detailed list per lake. 2) Public Hearings; 3) Property owner meetings; 4) Meetings with townships and county officials. This project is projected to take 3 years to locate funds. The Board

discussed the value of such a project for the chain of lakes and overall water quality improvement to the Middle Fork River. No further action was taken at this point.

9. Administrator's Report

9.a. Calendar: March 5th meeting and MAWD Legislative meetings 13 & 14th.

9.b. Review of Project Status:

9.b..1. BWSR Drainage Water Quality Project-A meeting was held with the N. Lilleberg and L. Engelby property owners. M. Peeters invited a NCFRWD Board member who has installed a bioreactor on his property to the meeting to answer any potential questions. See handout "Conservation Cover" this new program could be an Agriculture Incentive Project. The Board discussed implementing a financial incentive for the bioreactor project. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing for a onetime payment of ¼ acre size of \$1250 as "a conservation cover financial incentive for the installation of a bioreactor". The motion passed 4-0.

9.b.2. BWSR 2010 Conservation Drainage Final Report-The report was completed and \$7634.92 will be returned to BWSR.

9.b.3. BWSR Green Lake Stormwater-Meetings with EOR are ongoing and the Skyline Drive project should decrease the sediment load into Green Lake. A meeting is scheduled with the condominium owners. Another curb cut project was discussed on the intersection of Green Lake Boulevard and Lake Ave. North, which is County property. The property adjacent to county property is owned by T. Block. A meeting with the county will be scheduled.

9.c. Administrative matters

9.c.1. MAWD Legislative Day at the Capitol are March 13-14th and will be attended by M. Peeters and R. Schaefer both days and possibly R. Hodapp on the 14th.

9.c.2. 2012 Annual Audit is scheduled on February 11 & 12 with Westburg & Eischens. Estimated cost is \$6000-6200.

9.c.3. Website information-V. Glieden-Henjum has been working on updating the site. Currently she is completing the Board pages. It was decided to keep contact information (telephone numbers and email addresses) list for the office only and limit Board information to county of residence, photograph and term dates.

9.c.4. Staff departure: C. Anderson has announced his resignation as of February 22, 2013. He will be joining Merjent Inc., consulting firm in Minneapolis. Interim administrator position was offered to M. Peeters which she accepted. An interim technician position will be filled as well.

9.c.5. Extra check requests: BWSR for \$7634.92 for the 2010 Conservation Drainage Grant. A check for \$2222.17 to MCPA was also requested for the Michaels project. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders for approval of the two checks. The motion passed 4-0.

9.c.6. Westby Internship request was received by NLS schools. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to \$400 for the Westby Internship program. The motion passed 4-0.

9.c.7. MFCRWD Assistance with memorial fund for Paul Latham-Spicer native Paul Latham died in a recent scuba diving accident while filming a documentary on the effects of zebra mussels on coral reefs. A memorial fund was established by the family with the intent of funding an AIS project in his name. The family has requested the WD be the fiscal agent for this fund. J. Kolb stated the fund would need to be set up outside of the WD organization. The fund could then at a later point in time donate a gift to the WD for a specific project. The Board directed M. Peeters to work with the family on facilitating their request.

9.d. Follow up on Administrative Matters

9.d.1. Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force update-A presentation was made to Kandiyohi County requesting that the WD continue to request funds from various agencies. The County's proposal to the DNR for AIS inspection funds was not submitted in time. The WD still has a proposal pending from the DNR, and is waiting to hear back about this. The WD AIS program will not be able to expand beyond WD boarders due to the lack of County grant funding. The Board discussed creating specific inspection sites based on usage instead of trying to inspect all lakes periodically. The WD has funding for only one Level 1 Inspector within the WD boarders.

9.d.2. Manager Appointment Expiration Date update: Schaefer and Wing- Managers Schaefer and Wing expressed a desire to pursue another term on the Board. Each manager will contact their perspective county.

9.d.3. Fund return to BWSR for Michaelis project- \$2222.17 will be sent to BWSR.

9.d.4. Fund return to MPCA for Michaelis project-\$1094.50 will be sent to MPCA.

9.d.5. New building update-McBroom of Belgrade won the bid for septic at \$11516 which will include the permits.

11. Public access forum-V. Glieden-Henjum stated she rewrote the Fortney contract to correct dates. The contract was reviewed by the Board for the Nest Lake shoreline restoration project last month. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the revised Fortney contract . The motion passed 4-0.

12. Adjourn-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.