

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
189 County Road 8 NE  
Spicer, MN 56288  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
Public Hearing for 2014 Budget  
Board of Managers Meeting

A Public Hearing was held at 6:45 pm for the purpose of presenting and reviewing the proposed 2014 budget. All questions were answered and a motion to approve the budget was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm. The motion to approve the 2014 MFCRWD Budget passed 4-0.

Present: R. Hodapp, B. Wing, G. Behm, J. Flanders (arrived at 7:20 pm) and R. Schaefer of the Board; M. –Johnson-Administrator, V. Gleidem-Henjum, M. Behan-Technicians; J. Kolb-Legal; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; C. Netland-DNR; S. Erickson –US Fish & Wildlife and J. Kavanagh-Duck’s Unlimited.

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 Chairman R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the August 6<sup>th</sup> minutes.
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Permit #13-20 Lee
7. Permit #13-21 Swenson
8. Permit #13-22 Schnettler
9. Permit #13-23 Field

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Hubbard-Schultz- Wheeler (HSW) Project Establishment-J. Kolb stated that all signatures were reviewed and verified. The project was assigned number #2013-02; see Resolution #2013-02. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to adopt Resolution #2013-02; the motion passed 4-0. A roll call was taken and all Board members present voted “yeah” with J. Flanders being absent. The WD purpose will be as stated in the TMDL study. R. Hodapp asked if dual objectives may present themselves; J. Kolb stated that each partner will have their focus. C. Netland stated that the DNR could be a formal partner through the Shallow Lakes Program. R. Hodapp asked about the structure of the co-management of the HSW Project. J. Kolb stated the structure is yet to be determined. As of now: DU is pursuing finances; WD will fill in gaps of financial need and obtain easements; DNR may provide a financial contribution and work with legislative representative (D. Frederickson-New Ulm) and with DNR Commissioner Landwehr; DNR will also assist g with any public hearings that would be held. J. Kolb stated that the next step is to map out a time line and determine policies.

10.a. Houston Engineering-Task Order #2013-01 HSW Lake Level Management Project was reviewed by the Board and staff. After discussion a motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to authorize the WD President to sign the Task Order #2013-01 when available. The motion passed 5-0. See Scope of Services #2013-01

11. Green Lake Property Owners Association (GLPOA) AIS Project Proposal- M. Johnson stated that the subcommittee met 2 times to review and offer options to the GLPOA. The subcommittee agreed with the importance of an AIS program and requested that the GLPOA pursue a public project to fund the project. No further action was taken.

12. Administrator’s Report:

- 12.a. Review of Calendar-See calendar with the addition of the Crow River clean up on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

12.b. Review of Project status-

12.b.1. BWSR Green Lake Stormwater-Two bids were received (\$90,000 & \$70,000) and forwarded onto Irving Township Board Chairman-H. Olson.

12.b.2. CWP Watershed Resource Investigation-V. Glieden-Henjum is setting up curriculum for the STREAM Program for ACGC, BBE and NLS schools.

12.b.3. CIP 10-01 Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project Agreement- M. Johnson stated that the difficulty obtaining timely budget information lead to the request for J. Kolb to establish guidelines for Nest Lake Association submission of necessary data to the WD. See CIP 10-01. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to approve the CIP 10-01 Nest Lake Management Program. The motion passed 5-0; see copy.

12.c. Administrative matters-

12.c.1. K-07-13 Meiers Revegetation-V. Glieden-Henjum reported that work continues with R. Reimer-SWCD in the selection of plants more appropriate for the wetter condition of the site. Total cost of correction, plants and installation is \$3300. Hopefully \$2600 will be covered by SWCD and the WD would use a \$700 BWSR Grant. After last weekends' rain it was noted that rain was only held for 24 hours. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve K-07-13 Meiers Revegetation project for up to \$3300 of approved costs. The motion passed 5-0.

12.c.2. K-06-13 Irving Township Project-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$52,477 of the approved costs of the Irving Township project. The motion passed 5-0. The next Irving Township meeting will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and the Township Board will be notified at that time.

12.c.3. DG 13-03 Blue Diamond Project-S .Erickson presented information on the Genessee township wetland restoration project. The project involves removal of nonnative plants/shrubs and reseeding in native grasses. A 24 inch bypass pipeline will be installed to improve water flow along with building a dike/water control structure. Contributions have been pledged by: U.S Fish& Wildlife-\$19,100; MN Waterfowl \$3,400; Kandiyohi County Water Task Force \$2,000 and \$1000 from the Diamond Area & Lake Association (DARLA) . Requests were also made to:?? Conservation for \$25,000 and \$1700 from the WD. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$52,200. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve up to \$1700 for the Blue Diamond Wetland Restoration Project. The motion passed 5-0. See maps.

12.c.4. 2013 MAWD Resolution District Funds & Statutory Correction-J. Kolb reported that MS 103 subdivision 9 allows WD to levy the operating cost projects. The new funding sources are not allowing the recoument of operating costs and this matter should be resolved by BWSR. A meeting with S. Woods of BSWR to address this issue has occurred. The Resolution would ask MAWD to formally pursue correction of the inconsistencies. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve 2013 MAWD Resolution District Funds & Statutory Correction. The motion passed 5-0.

12.c.5. GLPOA Donation of a tree for the WD landscape project was accepted by the Board and a thank you was sent.

12.c.8. Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal –A motion to approve the renewal was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm. The motion passed 5-0.

12.c.9. Personnel Meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> for the performance evaluation of M. Behan.

12.c.10. Johnson Temporary Leave for 6 weeks will begin with the date of delivery of the baby.

12.d. Follow up on August administrative matters

12.d.1. K-12-09 Park Lane Project- M. Johnson reported on further discussions with K.Biehn-EOR who stated the WD "opted out certain recommendations which would have improved this project". M. Johnson has asked for further clarification on this matter. No further action taken.

13. Legal counsel-None.

14. Public Access Forum- G. Behm asked if the WD could be reimbursed for some of the Skyline Estate project costs. M. Johnson stated she would contact D. Lash of EOR for further information. The Board and R. Imdieke further discussed the GLPOA AIS proposal and the possibility of the project going forward as a public project. Discussion also took place on the MN COLA presentation to the Lessard-Sams Committee.

15. Adjourn-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn; the motion passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Ruth Schaefer  
Secretary