

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
189 County Road 8 NE  
Spicer, MN 56288  
October 1st, 2013  
Board of Managers Meeting

Present: R. Hodapp, B. Wing, G. Behm, J. Flanders (arrived 7:05) and R. Schaefer of the Board; V. Glieden-Henjum, M. Behan-Technicians; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; T. Johnson-Nest Lake and S. & 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 Middle Fork Crow River Watershed" was read by Chairman R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes of the September minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Review of Staff activities over the last month-V. Glieden Henjum reported: Maintenance continues on the Park Lane project; staff consulted on a possible shore line restoration project; coordination efforts of the Loon Creek project; continuation of the Volunteer Monitoring Project; MN COLA letter of support; QAPP=Quality Assurance Project Plan; STREAM activities at NLS; Irving Township Project and Clean Water Project. M. Behan reported: GLPOA-The AIS grant didn't allow for funds to be used for staff time so the grant request ended; Lilliberg project will be installed this fall; permits are waiting for review by the Administrator (one project is the potential restoration of the New London swimming beach); he will be attending the Water Education Event in Pope County (BBE school attends this event); two BWSR grants are in process (see later in agenda).

7. Administrator's Report

7. a. Review of Calendar-October 14<sup>th</sup>-Clean Water Tour; October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> BWSR Academy; November 4<sup>th</sup>-Annual BBE National Honor Students community clean up day; November 11<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> office will be closed.

7.b. Review of Project Status-

7.b.1. BWSR Green Lake Stormwater project-Emmons & Olivier Resources (EOR) provided a quote of \$1300 for staking and surveying for the Irving Township project which was reviewed by Monson Excavating who declined to offer a quote for the project.

Loon Creek stream restoration project on Green Lake on J. Duinnick property original quote was \$110,000 of which the WD has \$45,000 budgeted. A second quote for \$70,000 was provided by Wenck Engineering. DNR funds and BWSR Shoreline funds may be an option and will be pursued.

7.b.2.CIP 10-01 Nest lake Aquatic Plant Management Assessment Approval-T. Johnson presented the 2013 Aquatic Plant Management Project budget of actual expenses noting the shorter cutting period due to a wet June. The DNR also shortened the cutting season by denying a 10 day cutting extension. A different herbicide was used which was not as effective as Endithal. The lake association would like to expand their chemical treatment area in 2014. See budget for specific operational expenses totally \$24096.61 (budgeted \$34,604.00).T. Johnson reported that the majority of members feel water quality has improved since the treatment program began. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the CIP 10-01 Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Assessment budget. The motion passed 5-0. See budget document.

7.b.3. Hanson Septic Loan M-1-13 The quote for this project is \$10,273 and a motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the septic loan. The motion passed 5-0.

7.c. Administrative matters

7.c.1. Variance for the lawn-The CAC reported that they would like to see native plants for the WD yard. This was discussed and it was noted that a variance from the City of Spicer would be required. Application fee would be \$500 and was further discussed. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer requesting staff to apply for a variance for native landscaping. The motion passed 5-0.

7.c.2. BWSR CWF Grant Application- V. Glieden-Henjum reported on two different applications that the technicians are preparing. One would be an "Implementation" type grant which could be used for a bioreactor, shoreline restoration project and a rain barrel program and stream project. BWSR is looking for "shovel ready projects" and the WD does have interested property owners if funding assistance were available. The second grant is an "Accelerated Implementation Grant" which is precursor funding for a larger project. This type of funding would be helpful for an erosion project of the Middle Fork River by Manannah which is showing a decrease in water quality. Baseline data could be obtained from the Nest Lake and New London area. This could further develop into 3-5 more projects to decrease pollution and erosion. J. Flanders offered to speak to area landowners who may be interested.

7. d. Follow up on September administrative matters

7.d.1. K-12-09 Park Lane Project-The problem persists and the latest plan is to add a pool area to slow down the flow of water. Only one bid was received from I & M Landscaping (\$7007.55) ; EOR would supervise at no further cost to the WD. After further discussion; the WD staff was asked to meet with the City of Spicer to further discuss this project.

7.d.2. Extend Interim Hydrologic Technician position-M. Johnson asked that the position be extended to allow for more time for a performance evaluation. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to extend the interim position till the Administrator returns from maternity leave and completes the evaluation. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Legal Council Report-none

9. Public Access Forum-R. Schaefer attended the recent Kandiyohi COLA meeting. The COLA was supposed to hold elections, except no one volunteered for the office President, Treasurer and secretary. T. Frazee is reported to be the current VP. It was unclear as to what would happen to the current funds held by the COLA. Discussions at the meeting centered on the idea of having the COLA be part of the County and pursue AIS issues. G. Behm asked if the building insurance confirmation was received and V. Glieden-Henjum stated she would check with the insurance agent. H. Meints stated that someone on Diamond Lake had asked him what the laws were concerning septic tank contents dispersal. M. Behan stated he would contact Affordable Septic and clarify what the county and state regulations state. H. Meints reported that the Diamond Lake Area Recreational Association mailed out 365 petition letters to residents of which 140 were returned. The organization would like to collect 100 names and have 30-40 so far. One property owner wanted to know if the County was being asked to pay for treatment costs. R. Imdieke stated that the question would need to be proposed to the County for consideration.

10. Adjourn-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer  
Secretary