

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
189 County Road NE
Spicer, MN 56288
August 5th, 2014

Present: R. Hodapp, G. Behm, J. Flanders, B. Wing, R. Schaefer of the Board; M. Johnson-Administrator; M. Behan-Technician; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; S. & H. Meints-Diamond Lake; T. Vang and F. Peters-Interns.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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 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 July meeting.
5. Treasurers Report
6. Permit #14-10 Schmidt
7. Permit #14-11 Radel
8. Permit #14-12 Peltier
9. Permit #14-13 Blount
10. Permit #14-14 Stai
11. Permit #14-15 Stai

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

Regular Agenda

12. Administrator's Report

12.a. Review of Calendar-Calendar of events was reviewed.

12.b. Review of Project Status

12.b.1. K-4-13 Lee Project-M. Behan reported that MN Landscapes started the project with R. Reiffenberger providing on-site supervision. WD/M. Behan will also provide on-site inspection.

12.b.2. K-2-14 Green Lake Bible Camp-M. Johnson reported that 3 soil borings were performed noting the presence of peat. Houston Engineering will do a final design with potential installation occurring yet this fall. Funding will need to be revised if the project is delayed until 2015.

12.b.3. K-4-14 Koch Project-M. Behan reported the owner will harvest 45 cedar trees which will be placed parallel to the flow of the water. M. Johnson stated that WD staff and interns will have the necessary skills to install this project.

12.c. Administrative matters

12.c.1. 2015 MFCRWD Budget and Budget Hearing-September 2nd at 6:45 was set for the public hearing. M. Johnson, G. Behm and R. Hodapp will review the budget prior to sending out information.

12.c.2. K-06-13 Irving Township Raingarden- M. Johnson reported on the issue of excessive water retention experienced since April. The site should not hold water beyond 48 hours; therefore most of the vegetation has been lost. Further investigation ruled out the tiling as the problem. M. Johnson requested a bid from Swenson & Sons on the cost of replacing the soil. One area of concern is the depth of the mulch which should be 2 inches and is 5 inches in some areas. EOR-J. Michaels has contacted the Board expressing concerns about the project. Further update pending.

12.c.3. Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management (DLAPM) Budget Hearing- Last month RFP's were sent out for the feasibility study; Wenck Engineering was the only company to respond. Wenck Engineering did the Nest Lake Project and all went well. Estimated cost of the study and report is \$11,251. M. Johnson will contact the DLARA to see if they want to pay up front or do a loan. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to accept Project 2014-02. The motion passed 5-0. See Resolution 2014-02 for the DLAPM Project. H. Meints asked about the time frame of the project; M. Johnson stated that levy funds would be available in 2016. Discussion took place on levied funds to property owners which would allow DLARA to recoup their cost of the viewers and Wenck Engineering cost. Also discussed the specifics of what County AIS funds can be used for containment.

12.c.4. Tree planting at the office estimates were received from Green Lake Nursery for \$1259.52 (trees only and one year insurance) or \$2101.97 (trees, labor and one year insurance). A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to approve the \$2101.97 for planting of trees this fall. The motion passed 5-0. See diagram and list of trees. G. Behm asked about the dead shrubs which should be replaced by Van Ort. M. Johnson stated that several phone calls were made requesting replacement but no response has occurred. R. Schaefer asked M. Johnson to send a letter to VanOrt requesting action within the next 30 days; if no response then turn the matter over to J. Kolb.

12.c.5. 2015 Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Budget-M. Johnson requested this be tabled till the September meeting and the Board agreed.

12.c.6. Project K-1-14 Duinick Loon Creek voucher-A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve \$6414 of the BWSR grant funds for the K-1-14 Loon Creek Duinick project. The motion passed 5-0. Total cost of the project was \$29,926.35 with the DNR providing \$16,031.

12.d. Follow up on July administrative matters

12.d.1. MS103D. 341 Rules Updates-M. Johnson and M. Behan are revising the rules now and will be presented to the Board for further discussion prior to a public hearing.

12.d.2. EPA/MPCA 319 Grant- An application for \$380,000 grant is pending approval with the MPCA. Grant funds would be used to assess the sub-watershed impaired lakes for curly leaf pond weed, TMDL recommendation and BMP projects.

12.d.3. Park Lane update- S. VanOrt met with the City of Spicer Engineer (R. Saber) and WD staff on site. Mr. Van Ort stated he was too busy for this project and referred the City to Land Pride Construction-T. Soine. T. Soine will review the project.

12.d.4. Summer AIS Intern program-Kandiyohi County approved an additional \$10,000 for expanded AIS Inspection coverage. The Board discussed the limited availability of interns due to college/high school schedules.

12.d.5. Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force update focused on the revision of the County Plan and funding sources for area lake associations for AIS containment.

13. Legal Counsel Report-none

14. Public Access Forum-J. Flanders stated Mr. Gratz called him to convey his concerns about comments made by J. Kolb. Mr. Gratz also stated his concerns about the property line issue. J. Flanders will meet with him and update the Board at the next meeting. M. Johnson, J. Kavanaugh (Ducks Unlimited, Inc.), and C. Netland (Department of Natural Resources) will develop an operation and maintenance plan for the HSW Project and meet with every property owner affected by this Project.

15. As no further business was brought forward a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was closed at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer-Secretary