

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Meeting September 2nd, 2014
MFCRWD Office 189 County Road 8 NE
Spicer, MN 56288

A public hearing took place from 6:45-7:00 pm for the purpose of the 2015 budget. Budget items discussed were the addition of the cost of a used boat and trailer. This is needed for water quality monitoring throughout the district. The WD has relied on volunteers in the past which are not always available. Also the Nest Lake Aquatic Management totals were changed. See budget document. No public comments were offered.

Present: J. Flanders, B. Wing, G. Behm and R. Schaefer of the Board, absent R. Hodapp; M. Johnson-Administrator; M. Behan-Technician; J. Kolb-Attorney; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; S.&H. Meints-Diamond Lake Area Recreation Association and S. Nelson-Environmental Septic.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by B. Wing-Vice President.
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 B. Wing.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4-0.
- 4 and 5 of the Consent Agenda were approved by motion from J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.
6. The 2015 budget hearing was held prior to the Managers meeting. See revision in line 3 of the Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management Program (NLAPMP) the revised amount is \$56,773.02; this changes the Expense total to \$460,846.02. The 2015 Income information was also revised on the NLAPMP line \$56,773.02 this changes the Income to \$460,846.02. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by G. Behm to approve the revised 2015 budget. The motion passed 4-0.
7. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the 2015 NLAPMP. The motion passed 4-0 and will be sent to Kandiyohi County for assessment.
8. Project K-06-13 Irving township rain garden-M. Johnson requested an evaluation and assessment report from S. Nelson-Environmental Septic (investigates septic/soil problems for the County). Mr. Nelson reported his findings to the Board today; stating at 26" deep the soil content is 50% clay which does not support a raingarden. He also noted that the tile line sagged and does not allow for drainage. The base below the tile line was inadequate to support the tile line. Standing water was noted at 28" deep; clay was found throughout area much deeper than any installer would have put into the project. The situation and need for remedy was discussed with the Board and Mr. Nelson. When asked, he advised: removing the clay down to at least 3 feet and fill the area with sand; replace the tile line with a new perforated tile on a better foundation; bury the tile line in the sand; add 3 ' of soil on top of the sand. M. Johnson noted that September 16th is the next Irving Township meeting and she will attend with Mr. Nelson. The Board discussed the failure of the project and the need to find a solution that corrects the problem soon.
9. Administrator's Report:
 - 9.a. Review of Calendar-see calendar
 - 9.b. Review of Project Status
 - 9.b.1. K-4-13 Lee Project-see photo. It is estimated that this project will eliminate 13 tons of sediment a year and 11 lbs. of phosphorous from being added to the lake per year. R. Schaefer asked if this information could be added to our annual report. The Board discussed the importance of the public knowing the amount of pounds per project or overall per lake/stream area. M. Johnson agreed and will incorporate this information into the report.
 - 9.b.2. K-2-14 Bible Camp Parking Lot Stormwater BMP's-Several plans are under review.
 - 9.b.3. K-3-14 Koch Stream Stabilization-see photos. An estimated savings of 24 tons of sediment and 21 lbs. of phosphorous per year are noted.
 - 9.b.4. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz & Wheeler-The survey has been scheduled on September 15th. A public hearing and the DNR Operations Plan will follow. After the 2 public hearings a comment period will commence. Easements are still pending and will be based on the survey information. The DNR will present their operation and maintenance plan once complete.

9.c. Administrative matters

9.c.1. Personnel evaluation-M. Johnson's evaluation will be scheduled October 7th at 6 pm.

9.c.2. DLARA bond for Aquatic Plant Management CIP#2-14-02-MFCRWD received the petition and check for \$2000 for the bond from the DLARA. J. Kolb explained that the deposit needs additional funds in order to protect the WD. This in accordance with MN statute 103D subdivision 3 (requires deposit must pay all costs/expenses incurred by direct payment or bond). This was overlooked during the Nest Lake project. This project could be cancelled in one of three ways: 1) A petition to withdraw their request; 2) WD determines that the project is not feasible; 3) or that the benefits do not exceed the cost of the Project. Although the degree of risk is small; the WD should mitigate their risk. DLARA could post bond and they would pay 10% of the total amount (\$11,000 engineering + \$20,000 viewing=\$31,000-\$2000=\$29,000.) or a lesser amount. This bond could be levied over 15 years. If bonding for the \$31,000 then the \$2000 deposit could be returned to DLARA.

9.c.3. Lilleberg Streambank- see photos of 1000' of the Crow River project.

9.c.4. By-Laws Update-See revisions of Article 1-XIV for discussion at next month meeting.

9.c.5. Permit 14-16 Faith Lutheran Church permit-M. Behan provided information and a motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve permit 14-16. The motion passed 4-0.

9.c.6. Accounting: Billing and Payroll-M. Johnson met with the auditor to see if we could do our own bill/paying system. The need for proper oversight in the form of a board member would be required to do billing and payroll in-house. No decisions were made to take this step. This can be revisited in the near future.

9.d. Follow up on August administrative matters

9.d.1. DLARA Aquatic Plant Management CIP#2014 Project Establishment Loan-done in 9.b.4.

9.d.2. Tree planting at office-Green Lake Property Owners donated a \$100 gift certificate for a tree.

9.d.3. MS 103D. 341 Rules Update-The Board discussed the revised suggestion and directed M. Johnson to proceed with the Rule amendment process.

9.d.4. EPA/MPCA 319 grant-The grant was denied.

9.d.5. Park Lane update-M. Johnson met with City of Spicer Engineer and T. Soine of Land Pride who will proceed with this project this later this month.

9.d.6. Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force-The Task Force will be seeking additional grant funds through the Initiative Foundations.

10. Legal Counsel-none.

11. Public Access Forum-G. Behm stated that he feels incoming calls from engineering firm staff or construction staff should be directed to the Administrator. M. Johnson stated she would check with other Administrators and see how they handle incoming calls.

12. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting ended at 8:26 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer