

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN**

Present: B. Wing, J. Flanders (7:05), R. Hodapp and R. Schaefer-Board, absent-G. Behm; M. Johnson-Administrator, L. Christensen & C. Fischer-Technicians; J. Kolb-Legal.

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 R. Hodapp.
3. A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of MAWD Legislative Agenda added to 7.c.8. was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer. The motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

(The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member).

4. Approve the minutes of the January 6 meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Rule Change Document

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4.0

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Administrator's Report:
 - a. Review Calendar – See calendar- The Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network (WPLMN) will be meeting in St. Cloud on 2/18th. The Joint Powers Board of the CROW requested funding from the MPCA. NFCRWD and this WD will be doubling the surface water sampling at the Mananah site. The CROW did request grant funds; which would reimburse time and travel (NFCRWD and MFCRWD) and eliminate the need for the MPCA to travel to our area for sampling.
 - b. Review of Project Status
 1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler - Implementation Activity CIP #13-02-One more meeting has been scheduled with the Gratz and Lilleberg families. Both parties would like a final agreement on the easement issue within one week.
 2. North Fork Crow 1W1P-M. Lewis-BWSR will be speaking at the meeting scheduled 2/4th in Litchfield. Purpose of the meeting is to establish the structure of the organization. M. Johnson, R. Hodapp and R. Schaefer will attend the meeting. See the maps that were reviewed by the Board. Most of Kandiyohi County is now part of the North Fork Crow One Watershed One Plan area.
 3. WLP MN Sampling grant-See above.
 4. Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project #14-02-Public Hearing events will be scheduled in July. This event will be organized by C. Meehan of Wenck Engineering. All property owners will be assessed and notified.

5. Nest Lake Aquatic Plan Management Project #10-01-No new action taken.
- c. Administrative matters
1. Citizen's Advisory Committee Update-Five of the 18 members attended the January meeting. M. Johnson met with the new Chair-N. Johnson and Secretary-T. Guptill. The CAC is looking for direction from the Board and M. Johnson will convey those thoughts on to the new Chair and Secretary. Future CAC meetings are scheduled on May 14th and September 10th; both meetings will be at 5 pm at the WD office. J. Kolb reported on how other WD CAC's function. C. Fischer reported on a criteria established to determine a ranking of shoreline projects. M. Johnson stated 20 shoreline sites need to be viewed to determine their potential ranking. R. Schaefer stated that N. Johnson and T. Guptill are talented individuals that could guide us in how do we become more involved/better partners with our local communities.
 2. CWF Grants-The WD received funding on all three requests: Projects and Practices-Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation; Accelerated Implementation-Stormwater modeling and Streambank erosion assessment and the Community Partners-Sub-grants for lake associations and school districts.
 3. 2014 Monitoring Report-See the 2014 Monitoring Report prepared by C. Fischer.
 4. Ag show March 10 and 11, Civic Center will be attended by L. Christenson and C. Fischer.
 5. Benefits Elections-A motion made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders for the WD to provide a group plan for the WD staff. The motion passed 4-0.
 6. DNR AIS Inspection grant for \$7800 was applied for the AIS Inspector Program. The County AIS Task Force and City of Spicer has also applied for funds.
 7. MAWD Summer Tour will be in Duluth on June 24th and 25th.
 8. MAWD Legislative Meeting will be in March 11th and 12th and attended by R. Hodapp, M. Johnson and R. Schaefer.
- d. Follow up on January administrative matters
1. Aquatic Invaders Summit, St. Cloud, January 20-21, 2015 was attended by 400 people and the events and topic were reviewed by the Board.
 2. MS 103D.341 Rules Update will need to published prior to the next Board meeting.
 3. Fisher Lake/Beaver Lake -The project will still be placed on hold due to a lack of interest by the property owners.
 4. 2014 Audit: Westberg Eischens are scheduled February 9-11th and will cost more than last year's due to the number of capital projects and their complexities.
8. Legal Counsel Report-J. Kolb stated that Governor Dayton's 50' is addressed in the Shoreline Ordinance and Rules as it applies to public waters. It is a complicated issue and BWSR will spend one million on grants to perform an inventory of buffer strips within the state.
9. Public Access Forum-M. Johnson reported on computer problems experienced by the WD staff. Marco has been consulting on repair and or replacement of the main server. Marco had estimated replacement costs could be \$4000-\$8000. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve repair/replacement of the main server and if needed confer with the Board President. The motion passed 4-0. M. Johnson had also stated that the CROW will also purchase rain barrels. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the purchase of 50 rain barrels. The motion passed 4-0. The Board also discussed setting aside a few rain barrels for raffling off at City of Spicer 4th July celebration and Water Day in New London and Earth Day.
10. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary