

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

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

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by R. Hodapp.
2. The District Mission Statement was read by R. Hodapp.
“We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed”
3. A motion to approve the agenda (note typo in 8.d.should read February) was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing. The motion passed 4-0.

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 February meeting
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Permit # 15-01 Michael J. Cook 14565 Breezy Point Rd
A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. MS 103D.341 Rules Update Public Hearing -The Board meeting was closed at 7:05 and the Public Meeting for the purpose of MS 103D.341 Rules Update was opened. The Board and staff reviewed the changes in the rules. No public comment was made. A Resolution accepting the Amendment for the Administrative Rules Resolution #2015-01 was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing. The resolution passed 4-0. The Public meeting was closed at 7:10; the Board meeting was reopened.
8. Administrator’s Report:
 - a. Review Calendar –See calendar for March and April events.
 - b. Review of Project Status
 1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02 - M. Lindeman presented information on the process of a “Quiet Title” which was requested by Mr. Lilleberg for the ongoing property line dispute between the Gratz and Lilleberg. M. Johnson was unable to gain a signed easement from the Gratz. The Gratz family was not pursued further by the District after Mr. Lilleberg decided to pursue the process of a “Quiet Title.” M. Lindeman reviewed the contents of draft complaint. Mr. Gratz has retained an attorney. If the matter cannot be resolved, the Quiet Title action will be initiated. Once initiated, Gratz’s will have 20 days to respond to the complaint. The entire court process could take a year to conclude.

2. North Fork Crow 1W1P, Policy Committee Appointee-BWSR is requesting a Board Member be appointed to the Policy Committee which consists of county commissioners, SWCD staff, and WD Board Members. The meetings will be held in Litchfield monthly once an MOA is signed by all partnering parties and quarterly later on. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to appoint R. Hodapp with B. Wing as the alternate for the Policy Committee of 1W1P. The motion passed 4-0. M. Johnson is on the Working Committee which will expand into an Advisory Committee once the MOA is complete.
- c. Administrative matters
1. Westby Internship-A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve \$500 for the Westby Internship Program; this intern will spend approximately 2 weeks at the WD during the summer. The motion passed 4-0.
 2. Behm Buffer – Ag Incentive-C. Fischer created an application form for an Agriculture Incentive program which would pay a one-time amount of \$500/acre for an approved buffer strip BMP project. See application for such program by L. Behm. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders for approval of the one acre request. The motion passed 4-0.
 3. CWF/Interpretive signs-L. Christensen obtained bids and samples from Vacker Signs. These signs would be placed at CWF project sites such as the Green Lake Ministries and the New London parking lot project. The cost of 2 larger and 25 smaller signs would be approximately \$2,000.
 4. Soil Health Day, March 24, (NRCS)-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the request for \$106 to the NRCS for Soil Health Day. The motion passed 4-0 and staff will attend the event.
 5. Technician: Watershed Specialist Training program-Both WD technicians are currently enrolled in the 18 week program. The program runs from January-May; the current module is Civic Engagement & Outreach. Technicians spend 8-10 hours per week on the online program with weekly speakers/topics.
 6. Rain Barrel Program Update-Cost is \$55/barrel and drop off will be April 9th. The WD will set aside 10 barrels to be used for civic engagement within the District.
- d. Follow up on February administrative matters
1. Ag show March 10 and 11, Civic Center-Staff will attend and Board members not attending the MAWD Legislative session are welcome.
 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Tasks-An idea for greater involvement with the CAC could be a Shoreline Restoration Criteria developed by L. Christensen. See Criteria. This would be implemented by District and used by the CAC to assist in the determination of which shoreline projects bring the most water quality value to the District. The will allow the District to pursue projects that have the best capacity to directly achieve broader restoration goals with valuable public funds.
 3. MAWD Legislative Reception, March 11 and 12-See agenda and shared meetings with the North Fork Crow River Watershed District. R. Hodapp, M. Johnson and R. Schaefer will attend.
9. Legal Counsel Report-none.
 10. Public Access Forum –The Board discussed an Earth Day request for funding. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve \$400 for Earth Day event to be held on April 25th at the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. The motion passed 4-0. Discussion also took place on the AIS Interns and grant funds for AIS.
 11. Adjournment motion made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing. The motion passed and the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer
Secretary