

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
189 County Road 8 NE
Spicer, MN 56288
May 5th, 2015

Public Meeting

A Special Meeting was held at 6:45 pm for the purpose of public review of the Grants received by the MFCRWD. M. Johnson presented information on these grants-see "2015 Minnesota BWSR Grants: Community Partners 2015-2017; Diamond Lake TMDL Projects and Practices 2015-2017 and Accelerated Implementation 2015-2017. No public comment offered and the meeting closed at 6:59 pm.

Present: R. Hodapp, B. Wing, J. Flanders, G. Behm and R. Schaefer of the Board; M. –Johnson-Administrator; L. Christiansen & C. Fischer-Technicians; M. Lindeman-Legal; N. Stowe-Houston Engineering Inc. and S. & H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

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 R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes of the April meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Permit #15-02 Gayland Rooney Construction
7. Permit #15-04 Brett Aamot Home Construction

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

REGULAR AGENDA

8. 2014 MFCRWD Audit-Travis Steffensen, Westberg Eischens PLLP-The 2014 Audit was presented and he suggested the WD consider implementing changes with CDS which would make the audit process less complex and less costly.

9. Administrator's Report

9.a. Review of the Calendar-see calendar

9.b. Review of Project Status

9.b.1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02- M. Lindeman stated that the Quit Claim Deeds were signed by S. Lilleberg and the document was reviewed and approved by C. Frank (attorney for Gratz Family Living Trust). The Buer family still needs to sign as well. These signatures need to be obtained prior to the DNR Public Hearing.

9.b.2. 2015 BWSR Competitive Grant Public Hearing

9.b.2.a. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the establishment of "Community Partners Project". The motion passed 5-0.

9.b.2.b. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the establishment of "Accelerated Implementation Project". The motion passed 5-0.

9.b.2.c. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the establishment of "Project and Practices Project". The motion passed 5-0.

9.b.3. North Fork Crow 1W1P-A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has evolved and the Policy Committee will decide who is on the Advisory Committee. This raised concerns about the make-up of the Committee. M. Johnson will attend the Policy Committee Meeting to observe. R. Hodapp will attend the Policy Committee meeting as the member. M. Johnson is on the Working Group Committee. All meetings will be held at the Litchfield Courthouse.

9.b.4. DNR Agreement Inspection-Two inspectors will be hired.

9.c. Administrative Matters

9.c.1. Permit #15-03 City of Atwater 2015 Improvement-C. Fisher presented information on a project designed by Bolton & Menk Inc. which is expected to take one year to complete. The utilities upgrade covers a 3.5 acre area of downtown Atwater along 4th Street, Pacific and Dakota Ave. Project to begin 6-1-15. See handout.

9.c.2. Liability/Insurance Coverage-League of MN Cities- The Board approved the renewal of the League of MN Cities without waiving the monetary limit of \$500,000.

9.c.3. 10 Year Anniversary Open House will be scheduled prior to the June meeting at 5pm.

9.c.4. Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting-The Board and staff discussed the Quantitative Analysis vs Qualitative Analysis of Shoreline Restoration Criteria which will be presented later to the CAC group this summer.

9.c.5. Street Sweeping-A citizen expressed concern that the County is not sweeping the streets which allow debris to flow into the storm sewers and eventually the lakes. The Board discussed the importance of street sweeping and M. Johnson will check with the County to learn the current schedule of their street sweeper which is contracted out to a private contractor. It was noted that some WD perform the sweeping in their districts.

9.d. Follow up on April administrative matters

9.d.1. Earth Day at PWELC-A thank you note was read from D. Peterson of PWELC.

9.d.2. Rain Barrel Program- C. Fisher stated the program was successful and only the 10 set aside barrels remain. The WD could purchase more barrels and it was decided to purchase 30 more rain barrels.

10. Legal Counsel Report-none.

11. Public Access Forum-H. Meints stated "Thank you to the WD staff for printing the post cards for the Diamond Lake project". R. Schaefer stated she would be gone 5/28 to 6/11. R. Schaefer stated concern over the "5 day watercraft dry time" protocol used by some; she asked that the WD adopt a more stringent protocol. M. Johnson stated that the staff will decontaminate after being in Green and Calhoun in order to prevent the spread of zebra mussels. L. Christensen stated the WD apparel will be ordered and if interested she will place the order.

12. 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 8:25 pm.

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary