

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
189 County Road NE
Spicer, MN 56288
July 7th, 2015

Present: B. Wing, R. Hodapp, G. Behm; J. Flanders (7:05) and R. Schaefer of the Board; M. Johnson-Administrator; L. Christensen-Technician; M. Lindeman-Attorney; M. Leach-MPCA; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner and S.&H. Meints-Diamond Lake.

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 Chairman Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the June meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Permit #15-08 Gort
7. Permit #15-09 Chancellor

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

Regular Agenda

8. Administrator's Report

8.a. Review of Calendar

8.b. Review of Project Status

8.b.1. CWP Loan Grant Agreement-An agreement needs to be signed before spending can occur. J. Kolb has reviewed and approved the agreement. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by G. Behm to approve the CWP Loan Grant Agreement. The motion was approved 5-0.

8.b.1.a. Resolution #15-05- A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to appoint M. Johnson as Project Representative of Resolution 15-05 which she will sign. The motion passed 5-0.

8.b.2. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation Hubbard, Schulz and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02

8.b.2.a. Petition to Outlet Branch 6 CD 28-The WD will be represented by L. Engelby who will take the Petition to the Kandiyohi County Commissioners meeting for their approval. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Petition to outlet Branch 6 of CD 28. The motion passed 5-0.

8.b.2.b. Buer Easement-A motion was made to approve a one-time payment of \$45,000 to Mr. Buer for a permanent easement (see document) was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Flanders. The motion passed 5-0.

8.b.3..Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management Project #14-02-M. Johnson presented a summary of the letter from viewer R. Ringquist as it relates to the "Benefits and Damages Statement". The document was reviewed by Board member-G. Behm and DARLA representative-H. Meints; no irregularity noted. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by B. Wing to approve the Benefits & Damages document from R. Ringquist. The motion passed 5-0. August 12th is the date of the Public

Hearing to be held at the Atwater Community Center at 7:00 pm. Notices will go out and postings will occur. M. Johnson will confirm the availability of the Community Center.

8.c. Administrative matters

8.c.1. Steven Spainer-Cover Crop Ag Incentive Application-L. Christenson presented information of a one-time payment for an Ag incentive. The WD will partner NRCS who has a 5 year contract with S. Spainer. The plan is to include 3 species of grass and plant seed. The WD will contribute 15% of the amount that NRCS pays towards the project. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the S. Spainer Cover Crop Ag Incentive application. The motion passed 5-0.

8.c.2. K-3-15 Dean & Betty Dawson Elkhorn Shoreline Project-The project is located on Elkhorn lake and is a cost share project with SWCD. The WD cost would only go towards native perennials. Total project cost is \$7000 of which the WD will contribute \$500. Stacy's Nursery will be doing the planting. A motion was made by J. Flanders and second by G. Behm to approve K-3-15 Dawson project. The motion passed 5-0.

8.c.3. K-4-13 Lee-Nest Lake project is in need of a fix. This project looked good in the fall of 2014; however, major undercutting occurred. Estimated project cost is \$2075 which entails a rock rip rap to be added with a whole new design. This will be funded by the General Fund. Some grants do not allow funds to be used on rip rap. A motion to approve \$2075 for the Lee project was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing. The motion passed 5-0.

8.c.4. K-5-14 Johnson-Green Lake vegetation change-This project was installed by Stacy's Nursery and suffered a washout this spring. The Nursery suggested a low growing sumac (nonnative) instead of grasses/flowers. The project included 580-600 native plugs at a cost of \$6400.87 and a 2 year maintenance contract. The Board and staff discussed replanting with the same plant list which is stated within the signed contract. The need for hardy native plants was discussed ; the plant list is part of the conflict. It was agreed that the WD will amend the plant list and the contract will need to be revised.

8.c.5. K-2-15 Peltier Shoreline-Green Lake shoreline-See photos of a major mud slide on the south side of the lake. Funds have been obtained from the Green Lake Stormwater Grant of \$5480.01. Wenck Engineering recommended a rock channel, riffles and no vegetation will be planted after tiling the hillside. Eric Van Dyken of County Environmental Services has been assisting the landowner with the project. Total project cost is estimated at \$7000. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the Peltier project cost. The motion passed 5-0.

8.c.6. CL3 Permanent Monitoring Station Equipment- Downstream of Lake Calhoun, the USGS turned the permanent stilling well site over to the WD several years ago. M. Johnson recommended a reference type piece of equipment that would provide real time data. One option is to contract with the DNR to provide telemetry at a cost of approximately \$19,350 (\$10,000 for real time— one-time payment + \$9,350 DNR for DNR staff time/year). Subdivision 8 of 103.D 509 allows for funds to be used for purchase of equipment once every 5 years. The Board discussed the levy process and directed M. Johnson to obtain more information as to the cost of equipment, maintenance for the next meeting.

8.d. Follow up on June administrative matters

8.d.1. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting-The meeting was well attended and went well. The next meeting is scheduled September 24th at noon. N. Johnson-President began discussion about a foundation fund for the WD.

8.d.2. MAWD Annual Summer Tour-The tour went well with less in attendance than the previous summer tour in Stillwater. The MAWD Board will survey those who did not attend for further review and planning. M. Johnson was thanked for her time in planning an educational and fun summer tour.

8.d.3. Office irrigation system-Only one bid was received for \$6800 from Stacy's Nursery and more bids will be obtained.

8.d.4. MAWD Salary Survey-M. Johnson presented a summary of the results; see document. R. Hodapp suggested that a committee be established to review the results and create a salary scale and put forth recommendations. The committee will consist of B. Wing, G. Behm and R. Hodapp.

9. Legal Counsel Report-M. Lindeman reported on the buffer strip legislation. He also stated the Lilleberg and Gratz matter has been resolved. The Board thanked him and staff of Rinke Noonan for their time and follow up on this matter.

10. Public Access-M. Johnson stated that the Budget Committee will begin meeting in August in preparation for the Public Hearing in September. H. Meints of Diamond Lake asked if he could obtain a copy of the viewers report. M. Johnson stated that she would send him a copy for review.

11. Adjourn-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 8:35 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary