

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District  
189 County Road NE  
Spicer, MN 56288  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Present: B. Wing; J. Flanders and R. Schaefer of the Board; G. Behm and R. Hodapp absent; M. Johnson-Administrator; L. Christensen, J. Morales-Technicians; J. Kolb-Legal; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner; K. Hanson-Cities Edge Architect and S. Worm-George Lake.

1. The meeting was called to order by V. President B. Wing.
2. The District mission statement "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District" was read by B. Wing.
3. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

#### Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the March meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. MFCRWD-Bylaws-Caucus addition

A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

7. Hampton Inn Permit #16-03-J. Morales and K. Hanson reported that the entire project is only increasing the impervious surface area by only ½ acre. Pervious pavers will be used along with a retention pond with raingardens in and around the parking lot. L. Jonett of Wenck Engineering has reviewed the plans and found them favorable. A motion was made by J. Flanders, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve Permit 16-03. The motion passed 3-0. Bids are due next Thursday and construction should start in May.

#### 8. Administrator's Report:

8. a. Review Calendar/ District Activities-See calendar and activities report.

8.b. Review of Project Status

8.b.1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz and Wheeler-J. Kolb reported that a few easements corrections were made. The Hedtke property warranty deed is still needed and in process.

8.b.2. North Fork Crow River Watershed -One Watershed One Plan-See document created by Houston Engineering "NFCRW Priority Resources and Priority Issues Affecting a Priority Concern Matrix. The Board is asked to read and review and report any concerns.

8.b.3. Clean Water Fund- Community Partners-"Adopt a Drain"- The WD is partnering with a Hamline University program for storm drains within the WD area. The drain will be adopted and cleaned by the volunteer adopting the drain. This program will be incorporated through the School Education program. See map for current adoptions.

Mini Grant Community Partners-Six applications were discussed by the Board. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve 5 applicants (Lilleberg Streambank, Floating Island, New London Garden Club Tree Trench, and ACGC Courtyard Tree Trench, NL-S YES! Tree Trench). The motion passed 3-0. The other projects could be funded through other grants/funds or with future grants.

8.b.4. Accelerated Implementation Grant-The WD asked for \$97,000 to do channel analysis. Staff surveyed the area with Wenck Engineering. Next will be the feasibility studies and discussion with land owners. Wenck will develop specific designs, costs, and potential for greatest impact for water quality. See map for possible pollution reduction areas. Each sub-watershed was analyzed for potential BMP projects.

8.b.5. Diamond Lake TMDL Grant-Work continues on the project.

8.c. Administrative Matters

8.c.1. Westby Internship donation-A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve \$1000 for the 2 week intern. The motion passed 3-0.

8.c.2. MAWD Legislative Reception-M. Johnson and R. Schaefer attended the event and met with Legislators along with the NFCRWD staff over issues of importance ex MPCA Clean Water Partnership lack of funds. J. Kolb stated that MAWD had a Resolution from the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District two times that has not been amended for non-metro WD to raise additional funding through Statue 103D.905 Subdivision 9. If interested the Board could pursue further.

8.c.3. Monitoring Site: CL3-DNR contract-M. Johnson reported that the WD would like to partner with the DNR for installation and monitoring maintenance at CL-3; the DNR will provide summer and winter water readings. Support for this monitoring site is stated in the contract until 2/28/2018. This would be a standard 2 year contract with the DNR to maintain and store data from the site. This equipment will provide real time information for \$8300, after 2-28-2018 the contract will have to be renewed. The WD will purchase the equipment. The contract was reviewed and approved by legal counsel J. Kolb. The Board discussed and reviewed the contract. A motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Flanders to approve the funds from the Clean Water Partnership Survey and Data Acquisition Fund for the Contract 107873 for \$8300 installation and 2 years of support and \$8009.45 for equipment. The motion passed 3-0.

8.d. Follow up on March Administrative matters

8.d.1. 2015 Audit: Westberg Eischens- Information will be presented next month.

8.d.2. Clean Water Fund Interpretive Signs-L. Christensen presented the new signs.

8.d.3. District AIS Inspectors- The Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force approved the requested \$8000 for the WD Inspector program. Two Inspectors were hired and will be trained along with the County inspectors, date and time not set.

9. Legal counsel report-J. Kolb reported on the buffer amendment and changes which should clarify portions of the amendment. BWSR has a public comment section open till May 4<sup>th</sup>.

10. Public Access Forum- Jon Ruby of Indian Beach Harbor reported on the problem of the channel filling in with sediment. The Association has been paying for sediment removal with heavy equipment so far but is looking for suggestions. The Board and staff discussed the situation at length. J. Kolb suggested building a railroad pass to move the watercraft from the harbor to the lake. L. Christensen suggested installing biomass plant floats to reduce the wave action. The project petition process was discussed. R. Schaefer asked M. Johnson to provide project petition information to J. Ruby which he will share with the Association.

R. Schaefer asked if the Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force could hold an Inspection and Decontamination training at the WD in May or June. The Board and staff approved of the training.

R. Imdieke stated the County Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of R. Schaefer. Stephanie Felt is the new AIS Coordinator. Ben Bagleo has sent out a memo stating that BWSR has officially adopted the One Watershed One Plan statewide.

11. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by R. Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 9:04 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer -Secretary