

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
189 County Road NE
Spicer, MN 56288
May 3rd, 2016

Present: R. Hodapp, B. Wing, G. Behm, R. Schaefer of the Board; L. Christensen & J. Morales-Technicians; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner and T. Steffensen- Westberg Eischens.

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 District" was stated by R. Hodapp.
 3. No additions or corrections were needed to the agenda.
 4. The Oath of Office was read by R. Schaefer.
 5. The Oath of Office was read by B. Wing
- A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to accept the reappointment of the two board members. The motion passed 4-0.

Consent Agenda

6. Approve the minutes of the April meeting
 7. Treasurer's Report
 8. Permit # 16-04 Dooly soli correction and excavation
 9. Permit #16-05 Spicer Castle parking
 10. Permit #16-06 Nelson pavers
 11. Permit #16-07 Create Home Building
- A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

Regular Agenda

12. 2015 Audit Westberg, Eischens, Travis Steffensen presented the 2015 audit. See audit. After discussion a motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the Audit of Westberg Eischens dated May 3rd, 2016 as the audited financial statement of the books and accountants of the MFCRWD for fiscal year 2015. The motion passed 4-0.
13. Administrator's Report
 - 13.a. Review Calendar/ District Activities-
 - 13.b. Review of Project Status
 - 13.b.1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP#13-02-J. Kolb reported on the Buer property going to a trust with his spouse and son. Since the death of Mrs. Buer the deed is being revised. J. Kolb stated he has been in contact with the attorneys in an effort to see the intent of the deed succeed.
 - 13.b.2. North Fork Crow River 1 Watershed 1 Plan-The land and resources section of the matrix is currently in review. Progress continues at a good rate.
 - 13.b.3. Clean Water Fund-Community Partners-The approved projects in April were reviewed. Additional funds are available for projects which did not make the first cut.
 - 13.b.1 West Prairie Restoration- Morales presented information on West Prairie Restoration project on Becky and Graden West property. The 1.6 acres was placed in a land trust adjacent to the Middle Fork river. Estimated cost \$8496.24. Prairie Restoration will be invasive vegetation management and seeding the area. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve up to 75% of the approved costs up to \$6372.18. The motion passed 4-0.
 - 13.c. Administrative matters

13.c.1. Monitoring Report-J. Morales presented an updated report which can be viewed on the MFCRWD web site (26 page document).

13.c.2. K-2-16 Alvig Slough Floating Island contract- Williamson project cost is estimated at \$17,927.00 which is lower than the original estimate. A motion to approve \$17,927 was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing. The motion passed 4-0.

13.c.3. M-1-14 Lilleberg Streambank contract amendment-The project total has been amended to include all supplies and work related costs now total \$43,984.75. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to approve up to \$23,217.80. The motion passed 4-0.

13.c.4. K-3-16 New London Garden Club cost share contract-The tree trench project by the New London Legion will be done by the Masters Gardeners of the area. Technical team has signed off on the project which is estimated at \$10,000. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by G. Behm to approve the K-3-16 project. The motion passed 4-0.

13.c.5. City of Spicer-Rules Exemption-M. Johnson reported on an ongoing struggle with the City of Spicer supporting the WD permitting system. J. Kolb stated that 103D does apply to cities. Cities within a WD need to follow the permitting system of the WD. He suggested that WD and City leaders get together to work this matter out. The City of Spicer could apply for an exception of the rules. However the WD rules are more stringent and therefore are the intended rules that the WD will enforce.

13.c.6. MAWD Summer Tour-Tour information was presented for the Winona tour.

13.c.7. Williamson Ag Incentive-D. Williamson has a ditch going through pasture land. L. Engelby suggested this project after a ditch clean out. The projected cost of constructing a fence and cattle exclusion project. Estimated cost is \$730.89.

13.c.8. MFCRWD Open House-The Open House will be held prior to the June meeting from 5:00-7:00 pm.

13.d. Follow up on April administrative matters

13.d.1. DNR Delegation Agreement for Watercraft Inspectors-The Delegation Agreement has been received by the DNR and the training can be scheduled.

14. Legal Counsel Report-Buffer bill passed by the House and Senate was discussed.

15.. Public Access Forum-R. Imdieke and R. Schaefer reported on the Starry Stonewart presentation by Koronis Lake Association. M. Johnson stated she sent project information to the Indian Beach Resort Association.

16. A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary