

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District  
189 County Road NE  
Spicer, MN 56288  
June 7th, 2016

Present: B. Wing; R. Hodapp and R. Schaefer of the Board; G. Behm & J. Flanders absent; M. Johnson-Administrator; L. Christiansen & J. Morales-Technicians.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp at 7:15 pm.
2. The Mission Statement "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed" was read by R. Hodapp.
3. A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the May meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Permit #16-08 Solheid Shed
7. Permit #16-10 Schoffman Parking Lot
8. Permit #16-11 Knutson Landscaping
9. Permit #16-12 Carlson Landscaping
10. Permit #16-13 Elliot Landscaping
11. Permit #16-14 Paffrath Retaining wall

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

Regular Agenda

12. Administrator's Report-

12.a. Review Calendar/District Activities-See Activities Report.

12.b. Review of Project Status-

12.b.1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02-The WD is waiting for the permit from Eco-Waters -DNR since January, 2016. MN Historical Society has approved the site and now the Army Corp of Engineers will review the permit request. M. Johnson reported that J. Kolb has been in contact with the Buer estate. The family is in agreement on the easement. Ducks Unlimited will open bids in July and hope to start the project in the fall.

12.b.2. North Fork Crow River One Watershed One Plan-R. Hodapp and M. Johnson have attended meetings in May. Policies have been reviewed. Some data will need to be updated as it is 12 years old (WRAP data).

12.b.3. Clean Water Fund-Community Partners-L. Christensen and J. Morales are utilizing the funds quickly. If funds are exhausted the WD could apply for more funds in August.

12.b.4. Clean Water Fund-Accelerated Implementation-The WD received 2 posters from Wenck Engineering that display potential projects for the cities of New London and Spicer to use. These were displayed at the Open House for the public to view.

12.b.5. Websites Updates-L. Christensen reported on the revamped website.

12.c. Administrative matters

12.c.1. M-1-14 Lilleberg Streambank Voucher-Total cost \$43,984.75 and the final payment of \$23,217.80 for the project is requested tonight. Motion to approve the final payment of \$23,217.80 was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer. The motion passed 3-0.

12.c.2. K-1-16 NLS Tree Trench cost share contract-Technical approval has been acquired. The cost share of \$25,000 for the project was reviewed. Motion made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve K-1-16. The motion passed 3-0.

12.c.3. Williamson Ag Incentive Contract-General funds will be used for this project. WD cost share of \$548.17 of a total project cost of \$730.89. Motion made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve \$548.17 for the Williamson Ag Contract. The motion passed. 3-0.

12.c.4. K-04-16 West Prairie Contract-B. & G. West requested funds for a prairie restoration on the Middle Fork Crow River. Prairie Restorations Inc. will provide the work and total cost is estimated at \$8496.24 and cost share would be \$6372.18. The area will have the nonnative plants removed and native plants will be established. Planting will occur next spring after herbicide treatment and a burn to the area. Motion made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the project. The motion passed 3-0.

12.c.5. M-01-16 ACGC Tree Trench Contract- the YES team will undertake the project which will correct the water flow problem at the school. The City of Atwater will also assist in the \$28,458 project. The WD cost share will be \$21,343.50. Motion made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve M-01-16 project. The motion passed 3-0.

12.d. Follow up on May administrative matters

12.d.1. MAWD Summer Tour-M. Johnson and R. Schaefer will attend the Winona tour.

12.d.2. City of Spicer – Rules Exemption-Rinke Noonan represents both the City of Spicer (A. Ripple) and the WD (J. Kolb). The Board discussed the lack of compliance with the WD Rule 6 - Erosion Control Permits. The City of Spicer could adopt our rules and enforce those rules. Enforcement and the water quality concerns were discussed. The Board recommended that J. Morales meet with L. Valiant to develop a process for compliance.

13. Legal Counsel-no report

14. Public Access Forum

A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:12 pm

Submitted by  
Ruth Schaefer  
Secretary

