

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District
189 County Road NE
Spicer, MN 56288
March 9th, 2016

Present: R. Hodapp, B. Wing, J. Flanders (7:22), R. Schaefer, absent G. Behm of the Board; M. Johnson-Administrator; L. Christiansen & J. Morales-Technicians; Kolb-Attorney.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Hodapp.
2. The 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 B. Wing, seconded by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the minutes of the February meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Jon Morales' Probationary Period Completion Memo

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

Regular Agenda

7. Administrator's Report

- a. Review Calendar/District Activities-see calendar.
- b. Review of Project Status

1. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP#13-02 - See the document "O'Malley & Kron Land Surveyor's Inc." map which indicates the correction for Buers property due to parcel confusion. The Kandiyohi County Recorder requested an original document over the copy which was provided. Corp of Engineers sent a confusing letter which is being reviewed by Houston Engineering. A site visit will be scheduled for a "Cultural Resource Analysis" by a MN DNR Archeologist required by State Historic Preservation Office. A small area east of the township road will hold our pipeline. M. Johnson and L. Engelby have been in contact with the property owner (Hedtke). A motion was made by B. Wing and seconded by R. Schaefer to approve this easement. The motion passed 3-0.

2. North Fork Crow River One Watershed One Plan-Houston Engineering is on track to facilitate the Planning Work Group, Policy Committee, and Advisory Committee meetings. Information was provided to address concerns and a draft of this information will be available from staff for insertion into the Plan. See "NFCRWD Priority Resource, Priority Concern & Priority Concern Matrix" document.

3. Clean Water Fund-Community Partners-This is a one page application form which would be due April 1st. At the April meeting the Board will review and approve appropriate grant requests. See form.

c. Administrative Matters

1. BWSR-CWF Audit-Our WD has two grants that will be audited (grants >\$50,000). Upon completion of the audit a report will be sent to the WD. Upon a favorable review and ELINK report completion, the final 10% of the grant funds will be paid to the WD.

2. M-01-14 Lilleberg Streambank First Tier Loan-Project cost is \$38,000 for installation-\$16,000 from grant funds and \$3000 SWCD so we are short \$17,000. Community Partner grant funds could be used. Swenson and Sons have installed as much as current funding allows.

3. Governor Dayton's Water Summit-Over 1000 people were in attendance and M. Johnson reported on good break out sessions.

4. MAWD Training and Education Survey-Board members are asked to complete the online survey.

5. MAWD Strategic Plan Survey-Board members are asked to complete the online survey.

6. MN Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program support-BWSR contacted M. Johnson to see if the WD would show support for the program. See the MN CREP brochure.

d. Follow up on February administrative matters

1. 2015 Audit: Westberg Eischens will be attending the April meeting.

2. CAC Questions and Answers-See summary results of Q & A.

3. K-04-13 Lee Project Follow up-Previously \$2075 was approved and L. Christensen and J. Morales did some of the work themselves and saved some money on the project.

4. District AIS Inspector Feasibility-The Board discussed the number of Inspectors and lack of DNR funds for inspectors. A grant request of \$8,000 was submitted to the Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force. The decision was made to not wait for the AIS TF decision. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to hire 2 full time Inspectors. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Ag Show and Ag Drainage Workshop-March 8 & 9- L. Christensen attended and met with the public explaining the Diamond Lake project.

8. Legal Counsel Report-J. Kolb stated one bill proposed this legislation would sponsor changes to the buffer law in an attempt to clarify the law.

9. Public Access Forum-M. Johnson stated that R. Schaefer and B. Wing Board terms expire this year.

10. A motion was made by J. Flanders and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer
Secretary