

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

**August 7, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

**MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road 8 NE, Spicer, MN**

**Present:** J. Hedtke, G. Behm, R. Hodapp, B. Wing -Board; absent - R. Schaefer; M. Johnson, J. Morales, T. Ostendorf-BWSR, R. Imdieke, H & S Meints

1. The meeting was called to order by R. Hodapp at 6:35PM.
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 R. Hodapp.
3. Review Regular Agenda – A motion was made by G. Behm and seconded by J. Hedtke with the addition of item 9.b. building maintenance. Motion passed 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. Approve the minutes of the June 5 Regular board meeting – *document for review*
5. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. 20180807 Treasurer’s Report – *document for review*
  - b. 20180807 Revenues and Expenses – *document for review*
6. Permits approved administratively:
  - a. 18-15: Erosion control permit at 11627 North Shore Drive – Owner Steven and Janae Bell – Agent Oakridge Construction – Residential Build

Motion made by B. Wing, seconded by G. Behm to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Review of Project/Permit Status
  - a. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02 – A tour will take place of the project on August 21 from noon-3PM. A bus will provide transportation to the project site. Award will be presented by Ducks Unlimited at the project Tour on August 21. Josh Kavanagh the Wildlife Lake Specialist for the MnDNR provided a project update on July 26 regarding the lakes. He found lots of native submerged plants through Schultz lake; and the basin was clear from the surface to the bottom of the basin. They plan to remove water beginning late August or September to set the table for a significant fish kill with winter. North Wheeler also looks good but is dominated by invasive curly-leaf pondweed, the clarity of the basin is only three feet. A significant drawdown will help control the invasive curly-leaf because the seeds (called turions) cannot survive freezing. Water levels are still high, but hopefully conditions will improve soon.
  - b. North Fork One Watershed One Plan
    1. Plan adoption & Memorandum of Understanding – M. Johnson will be meeting with J. Kolb (representing MFCRWD), Cole Loewen (Stearns County Water Plan), Brenda Theis (Stearns County Attorney) to discuss the final MOA with the North Fork One Watershed One Plan. The Plan will need to be locally adopted by the end of October 2018. The MOA will need to be signed by all parties prior to the CROW receiving the Block Grant Pilot funding from BWSR.
  - c. Accelerated Implementation Projects
    1. The City of New London had provided the Board with a petition to establish a project to improve certain stormwater facility within the city limits. Implementation of the Clean Water Funded Accelerated Implementation gran from BWSR would provide benefits for water quality downstream including impaired Nest Lake and the impaired stretches of Middle Fork Crow River. The City New London as a priority urban area within the watershed district would allow

conversation and planning around street-reconstruction for the implementation of prioritized projects with the planning area. Watershed staff will apply for Clean Water Fund for FY19. G. Behm would like to know the percent farm land that the watershed district contains. M. Johnson provided information from Kandiyohi County: Rural Vacant Homestead 0.50%, Ag Homestead 0.50%, Ag Non Homestead 1.00%, Rural Vacant Non Homestead 1.00%, Residential 1.00%, Mobile Home Park 1.00%, Seasonal 1.00%, Resort 1.00%, Resort over \$500,000 – 1.25%, Commercial/Industrial 1.50%, Commercial/Industrial over \$150,000 – 2.00%. M. Johnson will continue to work with the County to gain information on parcel information regarding percent of agriculture in the Watershed District. A motion by B. Wing, second by J. Hedtke to adopt the Finding and Order of the Board Initiating Petitioned Project. Motion passed 4-0. Motion by B. Hodapp, second by G. Behm to allow B. Wing to act as secretary to sign the resolution. Motion passed 4-0.

- a. Clean Water Partnership Loan Proposal Resolution – Motion by G. Behm, second by B. Wing to sign the Clean Water Partnership Loan Proposal Resolution allowing M. Johnson to apply for interest free loans for future project implementation. Motion passed 4-0.
  - d. Nest Lake Aquatic Plant Management 2019 Work Plan – The budget will be considered at the public budget hearing. Motion made by B. Wing, seconded by J. Hedtke to continue with FY2019 Work Plan for Nest Lake and an approved draft budget amount of \$40,000. Motion made by B. Wing, seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 4-0.
  - e. Diamond Lake Aquatic Plant Management 2019 Work Plan – The budget will be considered at the public budget hearing. Motion made by G. Behm, seconded by J. Hedtke to continue with FY2019 Work Plan for Diamond Lake and an approved draft budget amount of \$20,000. Motion made by B. Wing, seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 4-0.
8. Administrative Matters
- a. Lilleberg Cover Crop Incentive Payment – Motion made by G. Behm, seconded by B. Wing to approve \$6,120.00 for management practices in Meeker County. Discussion took place about the District Agricultural Incentive program. Which provides landowners incentives to complete and install certain types of agricultural incentive best management practices, both structural or management. Motion passed 4-0.
  - b. MFCRWD Part-time Position – Randy Frederickson will be working for the Watershed District part-time (approximately 8-24 hours per week at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion made by B. Wing, seconded by J. Hedtke to approve the hire of Randy Frederickson.
  - c. Draft budget – Please see FY19 Draft Budget. The public hearing will be set for September 4 at 6:15 PM. Discussion took place over the potential replacement of the current 2007 Ford F-150. The staff vehicle will be needing new tires in the next month. In the next couple of years, the budget will contain some funds for future truck upgrade/replacement.
  - d. Permit/Administrative Rules Workshop
    1. After the Fact Permit Policy – M Johnson presented an after the fact permit policy. Please see draft policy. The Policy will be sent to J. Kolb for review. The board had a discussion regarding the needs for legal action after four weeks of permit violation letters. The board would not hold a special meeting.
9. Board Manager Matters
- a. Board Meeting code of conduct – Discussion took place regarding board meeting attendance. A subcommittee made up of two board managers, B. Hodapp and G. Behm decided that an ideal number of meetings minimum meetings that all new board members need to attend will be seven. This will be a self-policing policy that each new board member will have to follow. This policy will not apply to current board members. Discussion took place regarding electronic meeting. This new policy would encourage new board members to attend at least seven out of the twelve meetings.
  - b. Building Maintenance – Discussion took place regarding the concrete materials used on the outside of the building. A problem is taking place at the Glacial Lakes Sanitary Sewer

District regarding the maintenance and the building may need seal, coats, and sealer. An Operation and Maintenance book was left with the building and can be reviewed. B. Wing will also provide M. Johnson a phone number for a seal coating for the tar drive and parking.

10. Previous Administrative Matters
11. Legal Counsel Report – No report.
12. Public Access Forum
13. Motion to adjourn by J. Hedtke and seconded by G. Behm.