

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN**

Present: B. Wing, J. Hedtke, R. Schaefer-Board; M. Johnson, J. Morales and J. Kolb. Absent: G. Behm and R. Hodapp-Board.

1. B. Wing called the meeting to order at 6:30.
2. District Mission Statement - "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed" was recited by B. Wing
3. Motion to approve the agenda was made by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. 2019-01-08 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. 2019-02-05 Treasurer's Report
  - c. 2019-02-05 Income and Expense

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Review of Project / Permit Status:

- a. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02- J. Morales presented information at a MN Association of Erosion Control meeting. This was well attended with a significant discussion of the project.
- b. North Fork One Watershed One Plan - Feb 6<sup>th</sup> The Policy Committee met. Wright County will be fiscal agent of the \$640,000 in projected funds. The Grant Coordinator position description was approved, the position was given to the Crow River Organization of Water. The Minnesota Association of SWCD applied for a grant and the North Fork 1W1P will receive approximately \$400,000 for a total of approximately \$1,000,000.
- c. Fiscal Year 2015 Clean Water Fund grants completed
  1. Accelerated Implementation grant (AIG) - M. Johnson presented a handout created by J. Morales. We have 3 different sources of funds for future projects and plan to continue to build upon these projects.
  2. Community Partners grant-see above.
- d. Fiscal Year 2019 Clean Water Fund grants
  1. Accelerated Implementation Grant Agreement (AIG) & Projects and Practices Grant Agreement M. Johnson reported that two are in the same grant agreement. One will be the \$160,250.00 for stormwater runoff projects in City of New London, the other project is for a sediment core sampling for the Lakes of Diamond and Nest. Motion was made by J. Hedtke to approve the BWSR Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement, second by R. Schaefer. Motion passed 3-0.
  2. Wenck: Nest and Diamond Lake Subwatershed Assessment & Internal Load Control - Proposal - M. Johnson presented the Wenck document dated February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 "Nest and Diamond Lake Subwatershed Assessment & Internal Control Proposal." Motion made by R. Schaefer to approve the Wenck Proposal, second by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 3-0. M. Johnson stated if all goes well, J. Morales may be able to set up some equipment on the ice this month.

6. District Matters

- a. Auditor Contract- M. Johnson presented information on the top two bids for the Auditor contract. Motion made by R. Schaefer to accept the bid by Schlenner & Wenner, seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 3-0. See document by Schlenner & Wenner dated 1-25-19.

- b. 2018 Project of the Year- Presentation by J. Morales of the projects submitted for the Project of the Year. The projects were the: NL-S YES Team, Tree Trench Project in New London, Green Lake Nursery Rain Garden and the Gertgen Cattle Exclusion project. Motion made by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to select the Gertgen Cattle Exclusion project for the award. Motion passed 3-0.
7. Previous District Matters - B. Wing asked about the property line correction with the North Fork Crow River Watershed District. M. Johnson stated that the process continues. North Fork Crow River Watershed District is completing delineation.
8. Board Manager Matters
  - a. MN Association of Watershed Districts Legislative Reception & Day at the Capitol -M. Johnson and R. Schaefer will attend the 2-day event and meet with legislators.
9. Legal Counsel Report – J. Kolb presented background information on if Watershed Districts should be using a W-2 or a 1099 to pay their Managers. See document.
10. Public Access Forum -J. Hedtke brought up the topic of cover crop and soil health speaker education session. Cody Nelson of Belview, MN. J. Kolb alerted the Board to a potential speaker at the March meeting.
11. Motion made J. Hedtke to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Schaefer. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by,  
Ruth Schaefer