

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

March 5th, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MFCRWD Office 189 County Road NE Spicer, MN

Present: B. Wing, J. Hedtke, R. Schaefer, absent-R. Hodapp and G. Behm of the Board; M. Johnson, K. Kahler-staff; J. Kolb-Legal Counsel; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner and S. Braegelman-Stearns County.

AGENDA

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 read by B. Wing.
3. Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve the agenda. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. 2019-02-12 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. 2019-03-05 Treasurer’s Report
 - c. 2019-03-05 Income and Expense

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

5. Review of Project / Permit Status:
 - a. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation, Hubbard, Schultz, and Wheeler Implementation Activity CIP #13-02 M. Johnson stated that the Technical Advisory meeting will be scheduled to determine what needs to be done in anticipation of spring run-off. The meeting will be scheduled this month.
 - b. North Fork One Watershed One Plan - M. Johnson reported on document “2018-2019 Targeted Implementation Schedule”. Board discussed the priority of projects listed. K. Kahler created a Microsoft Share Point, these online documents will be shared with all 1W1P partners and allow all partners to add/use/edit information once privileges have been granted. The Share Point process save partners time and resources. This should also assist in the creation of a unified message. The WD will host the site.
6. District Matters
 - a. LCCMR Proposal Resolution -M. Johnson described the Agriculture Steward Partnership project as a farmer led council within the WD. Houston Engineering would conduct a study on the economic benefits of cover crops. This 3-year grant would be asking for \$450, 000 for 3 years. The WD and interested farmers would work the MN Soybean Association. If approved the LCCMR would require the Boards approval of the project. Selected projects would be one which provide the most economic benefit. Motion to approve the Proposal Resolution “Local Agriculture Steward Partnership: Science to Sustainable Action” was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 3-0.
 - b. WRAPS II Proposal Resolution- M. Johnson explained that every 10 years an intense surface water study is done, the data is collected and turns into the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy. The analysis of this data now needs to take place. State grants are used to do so. This data then goes into a TMDL, which is a federal classification. WD needs a Resolution to continue with this program. The Resolution would be for \$230,000 for the data collection of the entire project areas. Motion made by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve the Resolution of Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy. Motion passed 3-0.
 - c. Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment- Motion to approve the proposed 2019 CAC Member Appointment of Bob Bliss, Lee Thompson, Danny Buer, Steve Schimerowski, Mark

- Baker. Motion to approve the 5 members was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by R. Schaefer. Motion passed 3-0.
- d. PWELC Earth Day Donation- Motion made by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Hedtke to approve a \$400 donation for their Earth Day event. Motion passed 3-0.
 - e. Cell Phone Policy-The updated rates will change in 2020 from \$10 to \$20 for staff and \$15 to \$35 for Administrator for monthly reimbursement of cell phone use. Motion by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve the updated rates on 1-1-2020. Motion passed 3-0.
7. Previous District Matters -None
 8. Board Manager Matters - Legislative Days- M. Johnson and R. Schaefer attended and had positive meetings with Representative Dean Urdahl, Representative Dave Baker, Representative Paul Anderson, and Senator Andrew Lang.
 - a. MAWD Legislative update- See Legislative Update Reports.
 9. Legal Counsel Report- None.
 10. Public Access Forum -R. Imdieke- posted for the position of Manager of R. Schaefer in Kandiyohi, and B. Wing of Stearns county. K. Kahler asked for the Board to select a photo for the Photo of Year contest. The winner receives a kayak. The Board chose a photo and the recipient will hopefully attend a future meeting.
 11. Motion to adjourn was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by R. Schaefer. The motion passed and the meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer