

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

April 2nd, 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 & J. Morales -staff; R. Imdieke-County Commissioner, S. Braegelman-Stearns County and R. Frederickson-Kandiyohi.

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 made by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve the agenda. Motion passed 3-0.
4. The Consent Agenda (March minutes, Treasurers report, Income and Expense report) was reviewed. Motion made by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Hedtke to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.
5. R. Schaefer recited the Oath of Office, her new term would end April 2022.
6. Review of Project Status-
 - a. Diamond Lake TMDL Implementation-Implementation Activity CIP #13-02-M. Johnson reported that the gate has been closed and refilling has begun. J. Morales and DNR staff have installed fish barriers. On April 16th a meeting will be held soon for all parties involved in the monitoring of the structures. Later a public meeting will be held in late fall to assess the project. The DNR is considering the stocking of northern pike. It is felt that all lakes except Hubbard Lake froze to the bottom.
 - b. North Fork One Watershed One Plan-M. Johnson reported that the CROW Joint Powers Board met to discuss the future of the CROW. D. Sanders-Administrator has resigned and her last day is April 10th leaving one technician on staff. D. Sanders has stated that she will give up the Coordinator Position. The Policy Committee needs to determine if a new Coordinator will be hired. After further review of the situation a motion was made by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Hedtke to offer the services of our Administrator and necessary staff to act as a Coordinator of the NF1WIP if the current Coordinator is not replaced. The motion passed 3-0.
 - c. Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring-Currently this program is responsible for 7 monitoring sites. Monitoring is for pollutants and after rain events. This monitoring grant is held by the CROW Joint Powers organization. M. Johnson and J. Morales reported on the importance of continuing the sampling for our records and current programs. The grant is scheduled to end June 30, 2020. M. Johnson asked the Board to consider the continuation of providing staff time for the sampling, project management, and administration. Some of these sites are located outside our boundaries. J. Morales has been out sampling 4 times this spring at Manannah. After further discussion, a motion was made by R. Schaefer and seconded by J. Hedtke to approve WD staff to monitor sites previously performed by the CROW Joint Powers if no other organization offers to obtain those samples. Motion passed 3-0.
7. District Matters
 - a. K-01-2018 Diamond Lake Park Contract Amendment- A meeting with the partners was held to discuss the State Standards on the County Park-Diamond Lake. The original project cost estimate was \$42,800. Costs increased due to the improvements which were made in the underground piping and securing the water table, and the new project cost is \$69,612. The WD 75% cost-share of the project is \$52,209. This is an amendment to the original project contract which was previously approved by the Board. Project is due to be completed by May 24th, 2019. Motion made by R. Schaefer, seconded by J. Hedtke to approve the amended project cost. Motion passed 3-0.

b. Westby intern- Motion made by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve \$500 for the Westby internship program. The motion passed 3-0.

c. K-01-2019 Ryan Streambank Contract- The Ryan family has noticed erosion on their county road 4 property and funds are available until June 2019, for this type of project. Wenck has studied the potential project site and an estimate of \$37,626.00 with the WD contribution of \$28,219.50 will be provided through state Clean Water Fund cost-share of the Diamond Lake TMDL grant. This cost would be split between the property owners. The Diamond Lake Association will also contribute to this project. Motion made by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve K-01-2019 Ryan Streambank contract up to \$14,109.75. Motion passed 3-0.

d. K-02-2019 Thomas Streambank Contract-This is the other party involved with the Ryan project. J. Hedtke asked about the modeling work done by Wenck; he expressed concerns about the overall drainage. Motion made J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve up to \$14,109.75 Clean Water Fund cost-share of the Diamond Lake TMDL grant. Motion passed 3-0. Swenson & Sons will hold the construction contract.

e. Earth Day at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center-J. Morales stated he will have a large map and ask attendees to post their questions/concerns. Board members are encouraged to attend, R. Schaefer will attend.

f. Soil Health Workshop-The date has been changed to July 23rd agenda pending. The event will be held at the Atwater Community Center.

g. 2018 Audit- The 2018 will begin at the end of April. Board members may be contacted by the Auditors for questions about the WD. The process is expected to take 3 days. B. Wing stated he has already been contacted.

8. Previous District Matters

a. Citizens Advisory Committee- See the 14-page document which will be provided to each new member at the orientation. Orientation is scheduled on May 14th, Board members are welcome.

9. Subcommittee Rules Update, Personnel and Budget- At the May meeting subcommittees will be formed. Board members are encouraged to select an area of interest for committee assignments.

10. Legal Counsel-J. Kolb reported on the mapping provided by the NFCRWD for the pending boundary corrections. Several parcels were wrongfully assigned to the MFCRWD but should be assigned to the NFCRWD. Also several parcels were wrongfully assigned that are not in either of our watershed districts. A correction will be requested from BWSR. The Board instructed M. Johnson to send a letter to the Administrator of the NFCRWD stating that the process can continue. An information meeting will be held later in the year. See map provided.

11. Public Access Forum-M. Johnson presented B. Wing with a plaque in recognition of his 10 years of service to the WD. The Board thanked Bruce for his time, dedication and input over the years. R. Frederickson stated concerns over his termination. R. Imdieke thanked M. Johnson, staff and Board members for their assistance with the 1W1P project. He went on to state that the Board will need to decide the future of the CROW and the CROW is committed to the obligations of the CROW as it relates to a Plan Coordinator. M. Johnson asked if the county has made any decision as to how they want to handle the WCA process. R. Imdieke stated that no changes will be made in 2019.

12. Motion made by J. Hedtke and seconded by B. Wing to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer