

**MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**  
**Aug 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**  
**MFCRWD Office, 189 CR 8 Spicer, MN**

Present: G. Behm; S. Braegelman; J. Hedtke; R. Schaefer; absent-R. Hodapp; M. Johnson, J. Morales and J. Kolb.

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair-S. Braegelman 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 S. Braegelman.
3. Motion by G. Behm to approve the agenda, second by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 4-0.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** –
  - a. 2019-06-04 Regular Meeting Minutes b. 2019-07-02 Treasurer's Report c. 2019-07-02 Income and Expense. Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J.Hedtke to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

5. Review of Project / Permit Status: -
  - a. North Fork One Watershed One Plan – See handout provided by M. Johnson. M. Johnson discussed the point system for the approved projects. There has been discussion to hire a Plan Coordinator. Salary and office space was discussed by Wright County and the Policy Committee is in support of hiring. The Watershed Based Funding would be used to cover salaries and office costs. It is hoped that the Plan Coordinator could apply for additional funds, to supplement the biennium funds.
  - b. WRAPS II – Upper Mississippi North Fork project – M. Johnson presented data collected of the creek, lake and river for GPS analysis for future projects.
6. District Matters
  - a. 2020 Budget Subcommittee: Proposed Budget – The subcommittee (R. Hodapp, G. Behm) met and the attached proposed budget was determined. See 2020 Proposed Budget.
    1. 2020 Budget Public Hearing was set for September 3rd at 6:15.
  - b. Travel Policy – Updated Travel Policy was reviewed with the Board. See Travel Policy. Motion by G. Behm, seconded by J. Hedtke to approve the travel policy. Motion passed 4-0.
  - c. 2010 K-04 Behm conservation drainage project – Board discussion of the drainage project along with review of supporting documents. See memo and project contract. This project was removed prior to the 10 year contract date by the contract holder. Motion by J. Hedtke to declare the failure of the project was caused by reasons beyond the landowners control was made. Motion seconded by S. Braegelman. Motion passed 2-1, G. Behm abstained.
  - d. Equipment fix – S5 fix: \$2,700 – The River Compass monitoring piece of equipment broke and was repaired. Repair cost exceeded current policy limit of \$2,500 expenditures outside of a Managers meeting approval or previously budgeted and discussed and approved items. Board discussed raising the limit. Motion to approve the repair expenditure of \$2,700 and add Expenditure Limit to the September agenda was made by R. Schaefer. Seconded by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 4-0.
  - e. 2019 K-03 Loon Creek Cost Share Contract – M. Johnson presented photos of the culvert failure and erosion on the Loon Creek area of Green Lake. Thirty to forty acres drain through the creek and is causing a back

up of water on property owners land. The estimate provided by Wenck Engineering of \$64,545 to fix the culvert and minimize flooding. Property owners-(Schmiedeker) are interested in a low interest loan. Funding would come from the Clean Water Partnership and a low interest loan. Motion to approve funding from Clean Water Partnership Loan 2019 K-03 Loon Creek Cost Share Contract of \$62,545 was made by R. Schaefer. Motion seconded by J. Hedtke and passed 4-0.

f. 2019 K-03 Loon Creek Loan – Motion to approve the low interest loan of \$2,000.00 for the Schmiedeker property owner was made by R. Schaefer. Motion seconded by J. Hedtke and passed 4-0.

g. 2019 K-01 Ryan Loan – Tabled till September, paperwork not available.

h. 2019 MAWD Project & Program of the Year – M. Johnson stated that the Hubbard Schultz Wheeler Project will be submitted for the MAWD Project of the Year contest. J. Morales will submit the Macroinvertebrates Program for the Program of the Year contest for the Annual MAWD conference.

i. New laws impacting watershed districts – Three new laws affect WD as of August 1st. These laws pertaining to: Auditor ID Employee benefits pay, military service exemption for meetings and the per diem increase of upto \$125 per day.

#### 7. Previous District Matters -

a. Soil Health Workshop – July 23 – J. Morales presented information on the Houston Engineering and the Soybean Association sponsored Soil Health Workshop. The event was well attended. The end of meeting survey will be processed by Houston Engineering. Discussion on how to invite more people, in the absence of a current mailing list took place.

#### 8. Board Manager Matters

a. Governance 101 Conference – See conference announcement of the joint SWCD and MAWD Leadership training to be held in September.

#### 9. Previous Board Manager Matters

a. Per diem, by-laws update – M. Johnson presented information on the PERA cap of \$5100 per year and budgeting needs for this payroll issue. Payroll PERA will be added to the proposed budgets. Motion by G. Behm, second by S. Braegelman to raise the Manager per diem to \$125 was made. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Rules Update Subcommittee – A June meeting was held and those revisions were sent to Rinke Noonan for review.

c. Personnel Subcommittee – The final edits will be completed and will be sent to Rinke Noonan for review.

#### 10. Legal Counsel Report- none

##### 1.1 Public Access Forum -none

12. Motion to adjourn was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by G. Behm. Motion passed and the meeting ended at 7:56 pm.

Submitted by,

Ruth Schaefer-Secretary