

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

September 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN

**Present: S. Braegelman, G. Behm, J. Hedtke, R. Hodapp, R. Schaefer of the Board; M. Johnson, J. Kolb,
A. Johnson and R. Imdieke**

Public hearing for budget was held at 6:15. Board discussion and review was held. Meeting closed at 6:30.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Hodapp at 6:30.
2. District Mission Statement
“We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed”.
Mission statement was read by President Hodapp.
3. Motion to approve the agenda with the budget added to 4 was made by G. Behm, second by S. Braegelman.
Motion passed 5-0.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. 2019-08-06 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. 2019-09-03 Treasurer’s Report
 - c. 2019-09-03 Income and Expense
 - d. Permit 19-04: West Rich Park 24 trailer addition (less than 20,000 sq ft disturbed)
 - e. Permit 19-05: Johnson home addition (900 sq ft disturbed)Motion by S. Braegelman, second by R. Schaefer to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.
- 4.5 Budget hearing. Motion by R. Schaefer, second by S. Braegelman to accept the 2020 Proposed Budget. Motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review of Project / Permit Status:
 - a. North Fork One Watershed One Plan – M. Johnson reported that the bylaws were reviewed in August. The position of Plan Coordinator is still being considered. Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 9/4. Projects with watershed based funding have 60 days to sign a contract. The Board discussed how to proceed with those projects that take longer than 60 days to process. Wright County has several pond projects in construction. Kandiyohi's contract is not signed; still need engineering plans for their dairy project.
 - b. WRAPS II – Upper Mississippi North Fork project – M. Johnson stated that a meeting was held with the MPCA Project Manager on August 29th. A. Johnson will be reaching out to staff involved with this project. These are the same partners that are part of the North Fork 1W1P.
 - c. Permit 19-03: GLSSWD (NL and Spicer) – Crow River Construction – M. Johnson reported that a permit was requested by GLSSWD. This project entails the updating of their system. Motion to approve Permit 19-03 was made by R. Schaefer, second by S. Braegelman. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d. K-10-19 J. Hedtke Contract – Cover Crops – CWP/WBF – \$4,650 – M. Johnson reported on the project based in Swede Grove, by Manager J. Hedtke. The total cost of the project is \$6200; landowner responsible for \$1550. MFCRWD share would be \$4650, for fiscal year 2019. The contract is for one growing year, the goal is nitrogen fixing with turnips and radishes as a cover crop. Soil stabilization should also occur. M. Johnson is reaching out to BWSR to see if State funds can be used for a one year contract, or Watershed Based Funding will be used. Motion to approve the K-10-19 Cover Crop Project was made by G. Behm, second by S. Braegelman. Motion passed 4-0 with J. Hedtke abstaining.
 - e. K-04-18 G. Behm Contract – Conservation Drainage - M. Johnson stated the Clean Water Project would cost \$6000. The landowner would be responsible for \$1500 and the WD \$4500. Manager G. Behm would install 6 rock intakes and be responsible for a 10 year contract. Motion to approve the K-04-18 contract was made by S. Braegelman, second by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 4-0, with G. Behm abstaining.

- f. K-09-19 M. Behm Contract – Conservation Drainage - This Clean Water Project for rock intakes (3) for a total cost of \$3000. Landowner would be responsible for \$750 and a 10 year contract. The WD cost is \$2250. This project is near Pay Lake. Motion to approve K-09-19 Motion to approve K-09-19 was made by S. Braegelman, second by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g. Wilcox Lake – M. Johnson reported that this was a natural basin lake of approximately 80 acres. There was a dam installed years ago, along with a 24" pipe. The dam is a 26' structure and the elevation has been set by the DNR. Currently water is overflowing creating a 900' section of erosion with 4' deep ruts downstream from the property. The landowners are interested in a restoration project. Two sediment ponds and grass waterways have been proposed. Wenck will submit a proposal and this will be presented at a later meeting.
 - h. Nest Lake dam – M. Johnson stated the Olde Mill Inn dam may have been purchased and purchase may have included the dam. The RV park is also for sale. J. Kolb stated the county may own one of the spillways. M. Odens-Kandiyohi County spoke with M. Johnson stated the county is concerned about the condition of the dam. The Board discussed the possibility of the WD to offer some technical studies toward the stabilization of the dam. The dam is in need of a management plan. M. Johnson has spoken with E. Jensen-DNR who stated that an Operational Plan was created for the previous owner L. Foster. R. Imdieke acknowledged the precarious situation of the dam and the surrounding properties. Motion by G. Behm, second by J. Hedtke to approve of the WD staff to research the property ownership and technical issues of the two dams at the southern end of Nest Lake where it enters Green Lake. Motion passed 5-0.
6. District Matters
 - a. Review Calendar – Calendar was presented and reviewed by the Board.
 - b. 2019 K-01 Ryan Loan – M. Johnson reported that Thomas and Cory Ryan request \$3648 loan for their project. The loan would be repaid through property taxes. Motion to approve K-01 Ryan Loan was made by R. Schaefer, seconded by S. Bragelman. Motion passed 5-0.
 7. Previous District Matters -none
 8. Board Manager Matters -none
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 - a. By-laws update – **Board Decision-**
 1. Per diem – Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve the amended bylaws history section dated September 4th. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the per diem rate increase as of August 1st, 2019 was made by S. Bragelman, second by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 5-0.
 2. Expenditure Limit – Motion made by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve the expenditure limit to \$3500. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. Rules Update Subcommittee – M. Johnson reported that Wenck and subcommittee have completed the Rules Update and passed it on to Rinke Noonan. Rinke Noonan will be reviewing the Rules and the Board will be updated at a later date.
 - c. Personnel Subcommittee – Personnel changes have been sent on for legal review. The Board will be updated at a later date.
 - d. Resolution #19-03: Financial Institution: Description of Power Granted – M. Johnson stated that our bank needs a resolution describing the powers granted. See Resolution Motion. Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to approve Resolution 19-03. Motion passed 5-0.
 10. Legal Counsel Report (*J.Kolb*) -*JK none*
 11. Public Access Forum -1.) M. Johnson distributed a survey for Managers to complete and return by the October meeting. 2.) Tara Ostendorf is leaving BWSR and joining Moore Engineering . 3.)M. Johnson shared a letter from Diamond Lake thanking her for speaking at their annual meeting. A gift card was enclosed. Motion by S. Bragelman, second by J. Hedtke to accept the gift card as a donation.
 12. Motion by J. Hedtke, second by S. Bragelman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed at 8:04 pm. Submitted by Ruth Schaefer, Secretary

