

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

February 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

MFCRWD Office, 189 County Road NE, Spicer, MN

Present: S. Braegelman; J. Hedtke; R. Schaefer; M. Johnson; J. Morales and J. Kolb

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by VP-Braegelman.
2. District Mission Statement - "We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed" -was recited by S. Braegelman.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was made by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke. Motion passed 3-0.
4. The consent agenda is considered as one item of business.
 - a. 2019-01-07 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Employee Performance Evaluation, Error raise record
 - c. 2019-02-04 Treasurer's Report
 - d. 2019-02-04 Income and Expense.

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

5. Review of Project / Permit Status: -
 - a. North Fork Crow River 1W1P – RFP – M. Johnson reported on the RFP (see memorandum dated January 2020). The fund balance will cover the cost of a potential contract with any of the 3 bids. A one-year contract was recommended, allowing for changes as needed. The Board reviewed and discussed all bids.
 - i. North Fork 1W1P – Watershed Based Funding Implementation Proposals – M. Johnson stated that the MFCRWD would continue to be the fiscal agent for the 1W1P, with or without a Coordinator. Motion by R. Schaefer, second by J. Hedtke to accept the Moore proposal (\$67,945) for 1W1P implementation and to authorize the Administrator and Board President (or delegate) to execute a contract with Moore pursuant to the proposal upon development and review by District legal counsel. Motion passed 3-0.
 - ii. Soil RX Proposal for the WBF – M. Johnson reported a proposal through the 1W1P for Cody Nelson, a soil health specialist. The potential contract would be for an on-site one-to-one consultation for services. The potential contract would be between the MFCRWD/fiscal agent for 1W1P. This service option will be presented to the Technical Committee on February 19th by M. Johnson.
6. District Matters – none.
7. Previous District Matters
 - a. Approval of Boundary change for Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District - The Board reviewed the document from BWSR dated April 2019 of public hearing and boundary change. The requested changes were approved by BWSR. Tax statements will not be affected until 2021. County auditors will need to be contacted about the changes.
 - b. Nest Lake dam – See information provided by David Meyers of Rinke Noonan. The document summarizes the many documents reviewed in order to create his opinion of

ownership.

8. Board Manager Matters
 - a. CAC Appointment: Motion to approve the addition of Taylor Templer to the CAC. Templer is employed by the YES Team and has worked with the Starry Stonewort project. Motion by J. Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to approve T. Templer. Motion passed 3-0.
 - b. Electronic Meeting Attendance - M. Johnson stated that R. Hodapp has requested an update on the potential for the electronic meeting attendance. J. Kolb reviewed the requirements for electronic meeting attendance: remote participants and Board members and guests all always need to see each other; each location must be a public place and handicap accessible and notices must be publicized with the agendas. Current budget did not set aside funds for equipment. No action taken.
9. Previous Board Manager Matters-none.
 - a. Rules Update – M. Johnson stated that Wenck will provide responses to the county comments on the Rules Update changes. No public hearing will be scheduled at this time.
 - b. Truth & Taxation - J. Kolb stated that WD are exempt from the hearing requirements of the Truth and Tax per statute Minnesota Statute 275.065 Subd. 3
 - c. MN Campaign Finance Board - M. Johnson reminded Managers, that as a Public Official the form is required.
10. Legal Counsel Report - J. Kolb provided information on the situation occurring in the Sauk River Watershed District.
11. Public Access Forum - M. Johnson presented a congratulatory card from Kevin Hanson of Spicer on the recent award of “Watershed District of the Year” award.
12. Motion made by J, Hedtke, second by R. Schaefer to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0 and the meeting ended at 8:07 pm.

Submitted by,
Ruth Schaefer
Secretary