

MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

June 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting – Webex Platform

Present: R. Hodapp; J. Hedtke; S. Braegelman; K. Olson; R. Schaefer; M. Johnson, J. Kolb and R. Imdieke

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Hodapp at 6:33 pm.
2. District Mission Statement - “We exist for the protection and preservation of water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed”- was recited by R. Hodapp.
3. A motion to approve the agenda was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by S. Braegelman. Motion passed 5-0.
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. 2020-05-05 MFCRWD Minutes
 - b. 2020-06-02 Income & Expense Report
 - c. 2020-06-02 Treasurer's Report
 - d. League of MN Cities - Liability Coverage – Waiver Form -M. Johnson explained that the Board has waived this type of coverage in the past. R. Hodapp asked for further discussion on several items in the Treasurer's report. The clarifications focused on the lake treatment plans for Diamond and Nest Lake and a professional service charge for Wenck Engineering. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by K. Olson, seconded by R. Schaefer. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Board Manager Matters – none
6. District Matters
 - a. North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborative Agreement – M. Johnson reported on the changes to the document; the name and financial changes. See document-North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborative Agreement. The Collaborative Agreement reviewed by the Board, is not the final version of this document. The correct language is: "The need for additional funds for the Integrated Fund will be evaluated by the Policy Committee following the first year of party contributions on a yearly basis. The recommendations of the Policy Committee regarding future contributions by the parties to the Integrated Fund shall be presented in a proposed resolution by each authorized representative to their respective governing board for consideration and approval for the following year or years. This procedure shall repeat as needed and recommended by the Policy Committee for future years." Motion to approve the revised final draft of the North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborative Agreement was made by S. Braegelman, seconded by K. Olson. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. Resolution 03-20 Adopting and Execution of the North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborative Agreement – Motion to approve Resolution 03-20 for Adopting and Execution of the North Fork Crow River Watershed Collaborative Agreement, was made by R. Schaefer, seconded by S. Braegelman. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. COVID 19, District Operations Update –J. Kolb presented an update of the Governors’ Emergency Executive Order 20-56. This Board approved the previous changes in the office routine (minimal staff, no public, no face-to-face meetings). Executive Order 20-56 allows the reopening of the office and the public if requirements of the CDC and OSHA are met. Policies for Public and staff, would need to be written and implemented prior to reopening. J. Kolb stated that the Board does not have to reopen the office, if they so choose. The Board could continue to proceed in the current form. In person meetings could occur, with staff \public being safe. The Board discussed safety options with M. Johnson. The Board requested that M. Johnson send out a policy for the Board to review. J. Kolb recommended that the Board continue to meet remotely.

7. Review of Project / Permit Status:
 - a. Project: M-01-20 – Hedtke Cover Crops - \$15,000 Watershed Based Implementation Funding – M. Johnson displayed the 3-plot cover crop project. This is a 3-year project. Incentive payments occur rather than cost share payments. The Federal EQip Program allows \$5000 per year, with a onetime payment. Motion to approve the M-01-20 of the Hedtke Cover Crops was made by S. Braegelmen, second by R. Schaefer. Motion passed 4-0, with J. Hedtke abstaining.
 - b. Project: M-02-20 – Hedtke Prescribed Grazing - \$15,570 Clean Water Partnership Loan – Board Decision Item-M. Johnson reported on the prescribed grazing plan, which is on the same property. The cost share plan covers the planned project of an estimated cost of \$21,000. The Watershed District cost share would be 75%. The property owner 25% share would be \$4250. This is a 10-year contract due to the structural projects, which are a longer commitment. The goal is to have 50-75% in a rotating schedule. Motion to approve by K. Olson, seconded by R. Schaefer. Motion 4-0, with J. Hedtke abstaining.
 - c. Project: K-03-19 Loon Creek Erosion – M. Johnson presented photographs of the failed culvert. The project has been completed. The improved drainage and reduced runoff into Green Lake was noted. Landowners are responsible for sediment removal and weeding.
 - d. Project: M-08-19 Wilcox Lake Waterway – M. Johnson presented photographs of the Watershed Based funded project. Severe erosion was noted through 1000' long by 25' width and 4-5' deep area. The project has been completed. Sediment reduction will aid in water quality of the Middle Fork Crow.
8. Previous District Matters
 - a. Jon Morales Families First Coronavirus Response Act Leave Request --See letter from J. Morales. Motion made by S. Braegelman, seconded by J. Hedtke to allow the return to work request. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. 2019 Photo contest winner – The Board selected the photo submitted by James Robichon.
9. Legal Counsel Report-J. Kolb-None
10. Public Access Forum – No public comments were submitted. R. Imdieke reported that the County Commissioners will resume face to face meetings.

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Hedtke, seconded by S. Braegelman. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting ended at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by-R. Schaefer, Secretary