

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
July 17th 2018

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota at 0500 P.M. Present were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Michelle Miller, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler, and Atty Kurt Deter.

Also attending the meeting were Fritz Jensen and Tom Butler.

Pete made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from June 2018 seconded by Jeff and carried.

Correspondence was received from MAWD regarding the annual meeting.

The Treasure's report showed \$77,234.39 in checking and \$ 22,167.69 in savings. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried.

Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial statements for June 30th 2018, there was no discussion.

Jon distributed the financial statements prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen for the year ending December 31st, 2017. Pete made a motion to accept this report seconded by Jon and carried. Nancy will forward copies of the financial statements and the Annual TCWD report to the Board of Water & Soil in St. Paul, Mn and to Chris Hughes--BWSR in Mankato, Mn.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Pat Martinson--Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure:

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 566.35 (routine maintenance)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 382.50 (Buffer Implementation)

Pete made a motion to approve and forward the bills seconded by Dave and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson & Walth, P.A.	\$ 158.00
CliftonLarsonAllen	\$ 1500.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.29
Mower SWCD	\$ 7,812.98
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 317.40

Pete made a motion to approve and pay the bills seconded by Dave and carried.

Steve Lawler and Jon distributed a proposed administrative levy for 2019 as follows:

Attorney fees (Rinke Noonan)	\$ 11,800.00
Recording Secretary & expenses	\$ 4,600.00
Managers	\$ 5,000.00
Administrative Services (Mower SWCD)	\$ 15,500.00
Audit & Monthly financial services	\$ 5,700.00
Viewers Assoc. & MAWD Dues	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,200.00
Advertising & Postage	\$ 1,500.00
Rent	\$ 625.00
Water Monitoring & Water Plan	\$ 10,000.00
Incentives, cost share & Project funding	\$ 16,500.00
Tree Removal	\$ 20,000.00

Beaver Tails	\$ 2,500.00
Clean Water Legacy	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 114,425.00

After discussion Pete made a motion for Nancy to publish the Legal notice in the Austin Daily Herald--Mower County and Albert Lea Tribune--Freeborn county for the proposed Administrative Budget hearing to be on August 21st at 5:15 P.M. at the Government Center in Hollandale, Mn seconded by Jeff and carried.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile 1/4 mile E of Cty 92 on #251 South side. Riceland Twsp Freeborn County. NE 1/4 NW 1/4 section 6 R020 to outlet into new main on County #30. VanWilgen Drainage is the Contractor for this project. After lengthy discussion Dave made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Jeff, aye, Dave, aye, Pete aye, Jon, nay. Permit # 07-01-18.

Pete made a motion for Nancy to publish a legal notice in the Austin Daily Herald-Mower County and Albert Lea Tribune--Freeborn County for the hearing on the adoption of the proposed Buffer Law Rule related to the enforcement of buffer requirements under Minn. Stat. 103F.48 to be held on August 21st, 2018 at 5:30 P. M. at the Government Center in Hollandale, Mn. This motion seconded by Dave and carried.

Fritz Jensen attended the meeting to ask the Board to consider providing a \$250/acre payment for 212 acres he is considering enrolling into CREP. After lengthy discussion this was tabled to obtain further information and will remain on future agenda's.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jeff and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy K. Finley,*  
Recording Sec'y

Turtle Creek Watershed District agreed to host a discussion regarding Geneva Lake following their regular Board meeting. At 6P.M. Jeanine Vorland Area Wildlife Manager called this discussion to order.

Attending the meeting were: TCWD Board members, Steve Lawler, Dan Belshan, Rachel Wehner, Todd Piepho, Joel Wagar--DNR Parks and Trails Supervisor, Owatonna, Kassy Hendricks--Ducks Unlimited, Fritz Jensen, Craig Soupir-DNR Waterville Area fisheries Supervisor, Mike McGinn, Bob Hoen, Dan Richards, Jake Jensen, Lee Kostelecky, Ron Carothers, Scott Anderson, and Tyler Nelson.

Jeanine began the meeting with a slide show. Geneva Lake has been sustaining good habitats and fish and wildlife populations for several years. However, the lake is presently showing signs of stress and decline. A few common carp have been observed in the lake and they are always cause for concern. Test netting and other observations this spring indicated that black bullheads are abundant and numbers are high relative to yellow perch and northern pike. Most importantly, some in-lake habitats were severely damaged by flooding in 2016 and these conditions have not been helped by storms and high water this spring and summer.

After the slide show the meeting was open for a question and answer time at which Jeanine states they are working on an updated Management plan.

Jeanine thanked the group for their interest and feedback in assisting the Mn DNR and Freeborn County staff to further efforts to improve water quality and maintain a quality fish and wildlife resource at Geneva Lake.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy K. Finley

