

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
August 21st, 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, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler, and Att'y Kurt Deter. Michelle Miller was absent.

Also attending the meeting were Tom Dahl, Tom Butler, and Winston Bieser.

Secretary Pete VanErkel chaired the meeting in Michelle's absence.

Jon made a motion to accept the minutes with one addition added to the Geneva Lake meeting minutes as follows: There was an informational vote regarding a recommendation to the Freeborn Board as follows: Should the drawdown be only during the winter --2 votes

Should the drawdown be for the winter and summer-- 11 votes

Jeff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Correspondence from Steve Lawler included the MAWD resolutions due for November.

Also with correspondence the Board received a letter from Mn Counties Intergovernmental Trust stating they are again able to declare a dividend. MCIT's ability to provide dividends reflects positive investment income, members' dedication to risk management and loss control, net income from conservative fiscal program management and better than expected claims development on a pool wide basis. The District's 2018 dividend is \$539.00 allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$ 242.00 and Property/Casualty \$297.00. Payments will be issued mid-November 2018.

The Treasure's report showed \$137,448.91 in checking and \$22,168.60 in savings Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jeff and carried. Jon distributed the Bank reconciliation and Financial statement for July 31st, 2018. There was no discussion.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,701.35 (Routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 5,035.20 (Improvement Cty Ditch J12)

Jeff made a motion to approve and forward the bills seconded by Jon and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson, Walth P.A.	\$ 158.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.29
Austin Newspapers	\$ 311.10 (Buffer hearing)
Austin Newspapers	\$ 518.50 (Proposed budget hearing)
Albert Lea Newspapers	\$ 334.90 (Buffer hearing)
Albert Lea Newspapers	\$ 538.90 (Proposed budget hearing)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,762.65 (Water sampling)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,643.98 (Water sampling)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

Jon made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jeff and carried.

At 5:15 P.M. Pete called for a recess from the regular meeting to open the public hearing on the 2019 Proposed administrative budget for the District. Nancy verified the publications from both the Austin Newspapers in Mower County and the Albert Lea Newspapers in Freeborn County. Jon briefed the Managers and the public attending the hearing of the two increases to the 2019 budget were for Beaver tail bounty and Viewers Association and MAWD dues. With no further managers discussion, Pete call for public input. Hearing none the hearing was closed to the public. Jon made a motion to accept the proposed budget in the total amount of \$114,425.00 seconded by Jeff and carried. The hearing was adjourned.

At 5:30 P.M. Pete call to order the public hearing for the acceptance of the Buffer Enforcement rule pursuant to Minn. Statutes 103F.48. Nancy verified the publication in the Austin Newspapers in Mower County and Albert Lea Newspapers in Freeborn county. Steve Lawler and Att'y Kurt Deter explained the Buffer rule to the Managers and public attending stating this will have little effect on the District as we are already following these practices. After discussion from the public ceased Pete closed the hearing to the public. Jeff made a motion to adopt and enforce the Buffer Enforcement rule pursuant to Minn. Statutes 103F.48 seconded by Jon and carried. The hearing was adjourned.

The regular monthly meeting was called back to order.

An application for permit was submitted by Peter VanErkel, Barry Hoffman and Ronda Kanne to construct an open ditch along the south side of 285th St. in the S 1/2 Section 32, Newry twsp. The ditch will intercept seepage coming under 285th St. from a permanent wetland restoration project on the North side of the road. The wetland project removed 3 pumping stations from the ditch system and restored approximately 100 acres of farmland. The outlet will be into Goodrich Diversion No. 2. Jensen Excavation will be the Contractor for this project. After lengthy discussion ceased Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Pete abstained. Permit number 08-01-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Dennis Magnuson to tile in Newry Twsp section 35 Freeborn Cty NW R105 approx 125 ft of 15 inch tile to outlet into JD ditch. Ellingson Company is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 08-02-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Tim Colstrup to tile in NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Moscow section 5 T103 R 019 to outlet into Deer Creek. Sunny VanWilgen is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 08-03-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Jeff and Allan Ravenhorst to tile in Riceland Twsp NW corner section 2 Freeborn County R20 parcel 53394 to outlet into JD #24. VanWilgen Farm Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jon made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Jeff abstained. Permit number 08-04-18.

An application for pump station permit was submitted by Jeff and Allan Ravenhorst for Riceland Section 2 Freeborn County NW corner R20 parcel 53394 to outlet into JD #24. Jon made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Jeff abstained. Permit number 08-05-18.

Steve Lawler reported on the Multi-Purpose Drainage Management grant. We have proposed a project on the Christensen and Jensen properties in Section 27 Bath twsp to control erosion on upland farm fields. The project involves the use of water and sediment control basins and waterways, and would total approximately \$60,000. in project costs. Steve requested input from the managers regarding contributions of the District, the landowners etc, and approval of a letter of support from the District. This grant application is due at the end of August. After discussion and questions from both the Managers and public input from Winston Bieser, Jon made a motion to support 12 1/2 percent of the project cost up to \$7500.00 seconded by Jeff and carried. Jon also requested Steve to contact the parties involved to see if this was agreeable before he spends several hours working on a grant that would not be considered. Steve agreed to speak with those involved.

Dave Vanderploeg signed the letter of Intent to Partner for FY 2019 BWSR CWF Multipurpose Drainage Management Competitive Grants Program for Turtle Creek Watershed District as their Intent to Partner with the Mower soil and Water Conservation District for the purposes of applying for the subject grant program and to implement the proposed project, if the grant application is selected for funding.

Storage Easement incentives was discussed which brought out several additional questions from the Managers regarding incentives, enrolling acres and potential storage. The Managers directed Steve Lawler to obtain further details from BWSR before further discussion and would keep this on the agenda for future meetings.

Jon discussed areas of downed trees in Turtle Creek. Jeff made a motion to authorize Jon to use his discretion on the priority of removing the trees seconded by Dave and carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary