

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed district
February 20th, 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, Pete VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler, and Att'y Maury J. Noonan in Att'y Kurt Deter's absence.

Also attending the meeting were Dave Copeland--BWSR Board Conservationist from Rochester, Tom Butler, and Gretchen Boldt.

Pete made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from January 16th, 2018 seconded by Jon Erichson and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$95,161.91 in checking and \$22,163.11 in savings. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Dave and carried. Jon distributed the Bank reconciliation and financial statements. There was no discussion.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 23,127.00 (Improvement Cty Ditch #31)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 716.35 (Routine Maintenance J-24)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson & Walth, P.A.	\$ 275.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.08
Mark VerHey	\$ 600.00 (Beaver tails)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

An application for permit was submitted by Peter VanErkel to tile in NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 section 31 Newry Twsp R19 W104N approx. 15,600 ft of 5 inch laterals, 1000 ft of 10 inch main and 1200 ft of 12 inch main to outlet into Goodrich #2. Dave made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Pete abstained. Permit number 02-01-18.

Gretchen Boldt attended the meeting to discuss concerns with Mud Creek. Steve Penkava explained the process and how it works. He also informed her there would be public hearings coming up in the future that would address any further questions and concerns she would have.

Steve Lawler introduced Dave Copeland, our BWSR Board Conservationist from the Rochester office. Dave attended the meeting to meet the Board and also get a better idea on our priorities and long term goals. Dave will be a contact person to discuss funding opportunities and other items. Thank you Dave for attending our meeting.

Steve Lawler informed the Managers of a down tree in Turtle Creek. He received an estimate of \$800.00 -\$1000.00 for removal. Pete made a motion to accept this estimate and have the tree removed seconded by Jon and carried.

A worksheet for MAWD dues was discussed. The Managers agree they support the bill but have questions for the total amount for Turtle Creek Watershed as most of the Legislative Priorities do not pertain to Turtle Creek. Further discussion will take place when a billing statement is received.

Steve Lawler distributed the 2018 work plan with hi-lited areas that were identified as priority tasks for 2018. Steve ask the Managers to review and let him know if there are other areas to be added.

February and March are the months one of the Managers meet with the County Boards to update them on Turtle Creek priorities and activities. Steve Lawler will contact Freeborn County to have Dave Vanderploeg added to their agenda and Jon Erichson to the Mower County agenda. Steve suggested they use Nancy's annual report as a guide for discussion.

The MAWD Legislative Reception, Breakfast, and Day at the Capital is Wednesday and Thursday March 7th and 8th, 2018 at the Embassy Suites in St. Paul. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with key legislators and to advance our legislative agenda. After discussion Pete made a motion to approve 2 delegates and an alternate to attend the conference seconded by Dave and carried. Steve Lawler can assist the Managers in registering if they are able to attend.

Updates to the Web site will occur this Spring, Steve ask for any input from the Managers on changes or suggestions. The one suggestion was for easier access to the permits on line.

The proposed CREP project with the Muilenburg family was discussed. The Managers feel this is a good project for the District.

Nancy distributed the proposed 2017 annual report and ask the Managers to review it for approval at the March meeting at which time she will forward copies to Minnesota Association of Watershed District, Freeborn and Mower Counties Auditor-Treasures, and anyone else who requests a copy. It will also be available on line.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Secretary

Happy President's Day

