Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers Turtle Creek Watershed District June 19th 2018

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

Also attending the meeting were Tom Butler, Barry Hoffman, Justin Kohn, Dennis Magnuson, Jeanine Vorland--Area Wildlife Manager, Dave Copeland BWSR Rochester, and Chad Billat NRCS Albert Lea.

Vice Chair Dave Vanderploeg called the meeting to order in Michelle's absence.

Pete made a motion to accept the May 15th 2018 minutes as submitted seconded by Jeff and carried.

Due to Jon's absence there was no Treasure's report, however Nancy submitted the bills as follows:

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Hill, Larson & Walth, P.A.
                                        $ 158.00
CliftonLarsonAllen
                                          500.00
Verizon Wireless
                                        $
                                            53.08
Rinke Noonan
                                        $ 950.00
Jeff Ravenhorst
                                        $ 225.00
                                        $ 225.00
Peter VanErkel
                                        $ 237.31
Dave Vanderploeg
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                                        $ 225.00 (replacement for lost check)
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Nancy Finley \$1,062.00

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

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

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Rinke Noonan
                                         $ 1,110.00 (buffer Implementation)
                                         $ 1,556.35 (Routine Maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.
                                         $ 3,135.00 (Ditch J12)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.
                                         $ 540.00 (Ditch #31)
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                                            220.00 (Redetermination of Benefits J24)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.
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Pete made a motion to approve and forward the bills seconded by Jeff and carried.

An application for permit was submitted by Dennis Magnuson to tile in Sec. 35 Newry Twsp, Freeborn Cty approx. 1500 ft of 12 inch and 5000 ft of 4 inch tile to outlet into public JD24 branch. L & E Drainage West Concord is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 06-01-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Butler to tile in S 1/2 Sec. 19 Newry Twsp Freeborn Cty SW 1/4 8 inch main replacement 4000 ft laterals to outlet into JD27. No Contractor was listed on this application. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit number 06-02-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Mark Johnson to tile in NW 1/4 Sec. 12 Geneva Twsp R T104NR20W. Adjacent landowners have signed this application. They are their own Contractors. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Michelle and Jon gave their approval via phone prior to the meeting. Permit number 06-03-18.

The RIM Easement in section 32 Newry Twsp was discussed at length. There are seepage issues under the roadway onto farmland on the South side of the township road. It is the understanding of the Board that the lift pumps have been removed which has allowed water levels to rise and surface water noted flowing from the East basin to the Southwest corner of the property where it is entering JD 24. Dave Copeland BWSR Rochester and Chad Billat NRCS Albert Lea attended the meeting for information and discussion. A request for funding has been submitted, funding approval is required to start the project. After discussing temporary options to drain the water and timeframes to restore an emergency outlet the Board strongly urged Dave and Chad to do a site visit with Barry Hoffman this evening while still daylight to view the area so they have a clear idea of the issues.

Jeanine Vorland attended the meeting and gave an update on Geneva Lake. Jeanine also requested to have a Geneva Lake meeting immediately following the TCWD meeting on July 17th, 2018. This meeting will start at 6 P.M. at the Government Center in Hollandale, Mn.

Steve Lawler is working on the notices of the new Buffer Law Rule to all road authorities as required by statute for a hearing to accept the Rule.

Steve Lawler passed out a copy of the Administrative budget for 2018 as a guideline for discussion on the proposed budget for 2019. The Levy for a public hearing will be held at the August meeting. Pete made a motion to table this discussion until the July meeting when there is a full Board seconded by Jeff and carried.

Steve Lawler also reminded the Managers the MAWD Summer tour 2018 is being held this week at the Country Inn and Suites High Timber Lounge Conference Center.

There is nothing new to report on the Muilenburg CREP Project, Steve is still waiting for a reply from BWSR staff regarding questions that were submitted to them regarding engineering plans.

Pete had a Managers report on the Riceland Restoration Area. He states it needs TLC. There are down trees, culvert washout and road washouts. After discussion the Managers felt it is necessary to research who is responsible for this area. This will be discussed further when Jon and Michelle are present at the next meeting.

Just a reminder the TCWD meetings now start at 5 P.M. each month instead of the previous 7 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy K. Finley
Recording Secretary