

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
September 18th, 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, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler, and Att'y Maury Noonan in Kurt's absence. Dave Vanderploeg was absent.

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

Pete made a motion to accept the minutes from August 21st, 2018 as submitted seconded by Jeff and carried.

Correspondence included the MAWD Annual Conference held November 29--December 1st, 2018 at Arrowwood conference Center in Alexandria, Mn. Pete made a motion to authorize 2 delegates and one Alternate to attend the Conference at the District's expense if any Managers could attend. Jon seconded the motion and carried. Steve Lawler said he could make Hotel Reservations for attendance, the lodging deadline is November 12th 2018.

The Treasurer's report showed \$119,381.59 in checking and \$ 22,169.54 in savings. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit, seconded by Jon and carried. Jon distributed the Bank reconciliation and Financial statement for August 31st, 2018. There was no discussion.

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

Rinke-Noonan	\$ 572.50	(Buffer Implementation)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,860.56	(Rice Lake Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,480.00	(South Hollandale Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,061.10	(Peterson Branch)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson & Walth P.A.	\$ 158.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.29
Jon Erichson	\$ 306.36
Peter VanErkel	\$ 225.00
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 225.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00
Nancy Finley	\$ 1,066.94

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

Tom Butler attended the meeting to discuss the blow outs in the ditch bank in section 30. He reports he is working with the NRCS to resolve this issue and will keep the Managers updated on his progress.

Dawn Inger attended the meeting to obtain information about the Watershed District, how it works, the Boards authority and general information..

An application for permit was submitted by Mike O'Connor to tile in Newry Twsp section 16 NW 1/4 to outlet into private tile in Butler Lateral. Install a 10 inch main into the Hope farm from his farm. He is his own Contractor. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 09-01-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Mike O'Connor to tile in Newry Twsp section 29 NW 1/4 to outlet into private tile in Butler lateral. Tom Butler has signed this application as adjacent landowner. He is his own Contractor. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 09-02-18.

An application for permit was submitted by VanErkel Farms and Freeborn County to clean ditch and replace broken culvert in Geneva Twsp, Freeborn County SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 to outlet into private open ditch. Dean Reed has signed this application as adjacent landowner. Jensen Excavating is the Contractor for this project. Jon made a motion to grant this application with the conditions that the size of the culvert, tile and elevations remain the same as it is presently, seconded by Jeff and carried. Pete abstained. Permit number 09-03-18.

Steve Penkava submitted a review of the repair levy. Last year the Board approved an \$180,000.00 repair levy. Steve presented an outline including fund balance as of August 31st, 2018, taxes, brush control, current payables, redetermination and upcoming fall repairs. After discussion Jon made a motion to levy \$100,000.00 seconded by Jeff and carried. Steve Lawler will forward the appropriate forms to both Mower and Freeborn Counties.

As final approval of the Buffer Enforcement Rule was approved at the August 2018 meeting this requires the Chair Person's signature. Michelle signed two copies of those minutes which Steve Lawler will forward a copy to BWSR.

Steve Lawler reported on the proposed 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 \$60,000.00 in project costs. Board action last month was clear in requiring landowner contributions of 50% of the match requirement. This amount was not acceptable to the landowners so Steve did not submit a grant application.

Steve Lawler reported the Web site is down and they have a company working on rebuilding it. The Managers shared that it is very inconvenient and unprofessional and needs immediate attention. If the present company is not able to provide that service Steve is authorized to seek another company.

The Managers discussed concerns on a partial ditch cleaning in Moscow twsp. After discussion Steve and Pete agreed to obtain further information as to who owns the property, why it is only half completed, and who the Contractor is and report back at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Sec'y

