

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
December 18th, 2018

The Turtle Creek 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 Butler, Dale Anderson, Dawn Loverink, and Dave Finley.

Dave chaired the meeting in Michelle's absence.

Pete made a motion to approve the November 2018 minutes as presented seconded by Jeff and carried.

Steve Lawler reports the Board of Water Resources have extended the Watershed Management Plan to June 2020.

Jeanine Vorland was unable to attend the meeting but, sent an email update to Steve Lawler on Geneva Lake as follows: " Geneva Lake level has (finally) dropped to about 6 inches below normal runout, We pulled additional stop logs to try to move it down a little faster. I will plan to put some logs back in once the lake is at least 12" below normal runout. The water is running clear at the outlet now. "

The Treasures report as of November 30th 2018 showed \$110,878.94 in checking and \$22,173.27 in savings. Jon made a motion to accept this subject to audit seconded by Jeff and carried. Jon distributed the Bank reconciliations and financial statements.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 630.00 (Ditch J12)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 1,320.00 (Routine maintenance)

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:

Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.08
City of Hollandale Rent	\$ 600.00
Lance Loverink	\$ 200.00 (beaver tails)
Mark Muilenburg	\$ 200.00 (beaver tails)
Levi Bolinger	\$ 900.00 (beaver tails)
Troy Farr	\$ 300.00 (beaver tails)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 1,724.50 (Water sampling)
Mower SWCD	\$ 7,653.13 (Administrative, website Domain & Security & Misc.
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 300.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 262.40
Peter VanErkel	\$ 300.00
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 225.00
Nancy Finley	\$ 1,064.26
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

Dale Anderson and Dawn Loverink attended the meeting with questions regarding the Turtle Creek road in Geneva Twsp. After lengthy discussion the Managers explained the road is not the Watershed's jurisdiction and suggested they meet with Geneva Twsp to propose a plan which they can present to the Watershed Board for further discussion.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Butler for a project to include road boring crossing 1/2 mile south of Freeborn Cty 30-35 intersection, Geneva/Newry Twsp NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 18 R 104-19 tiling 4000 ft new tile to outlet into Mud Creek with agreement. Noel Severson has signed this application as adjacent landowner. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit number 12-01-18.

An application for permit was submitted by Noel Severson for a project 1/2 mile south of the FC highways 30X35 intersection Geneva Twsp Freeborn County South 1/2 of NE 1/4 section 13 R104 20 tiling 400 ft of 10" tile to outlet into Mud Creek extension of JD #24. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit number 12-02-18.

As requested by the Board last month Jon negotiated with CliftonLaronAllen to reduce the schedule of fees for auditing by \$460.00 to a maximum of \$4000.00. Jon was directed to sign and return this proposal to lock in the cost of services.

Brenda Lageson, Manager of the Freeborn SWCD invited Peter, Steve Penkava and Steve Lawler to a meeting to discuss a possible MOA to prevent any further misunderstanding on Buffer enforcement. Steve L. drafted a document for Brenda and Att'y Deter to review for discussion at the January 2019 meeting.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL,

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Sec'y

