Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
May 21st, 2019

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota at 4:30 P.M. for a short reception before the regular Board meeting at 5 P.M. Present were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Michelle Miller, Dave Vanderploeg, Pete VanErkel, Steve Lawler, Steve Penkava and Att’y Kurt Deter. Also attending were Emily Javens—Executive Director and Ruth Schaefer—President from MAWD, Dave Copeland—Board Conservationist Mn BWSR, Arlen Schamber, Tom Butler, Pat Martinson, Tim Ruzek, Jeanine Vorland, Dave Finley, Dennis Distad, Mark Behrends, and Lowell Schlazhauser.

At 4:30 a “meet and greet” was enjoyed to welcome Emily and Ruth to the Hollandale area followed by a Power Point presentation by Pete VanErkel sharing how Hollandale came into being and a brief history of the area. Following questions and answers the group shared refreshments during the meeting that was called to order at 5 P.M.

The first agenda item was the presentation of the 50th anniversary award to the Board of Managers from Emily and Ruth. They complimented the Board on the history and longevity of the Watershed Board with such a strong bond to the community. We thank them for making the long trip and the award presentation for this honor. The plaque will be displayed at the government Center for all to share.

Pete made a motion to accept the minute from April 16th, 2019 seconded by Jeff and carried.

The Treasures report showed $22,176.91 in savings and $126,871.91 in checking. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial report for April 30th, 2019, there was no discussion.

A bill was submitted from Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc in the amount of $805.00 for routine maintenance. Pete made a motion to approve and forward this bill to Pat Martinson Freeborn County Auditor Treasure seconded by Jeff and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

- Hill, Larson & Walth P.A. $316.00
- Verizon Wireless $53.08
- Taggert Medgaarden $150.00
- Lance Loverink $300.00 (beaver tails)
- Troy Hawkshead $480.00 (beaver tails)
- Rinke Noonan $950.00

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

Jeanine Vorland gave an updated report on Geneva Lake.
An application for permit was submitted by Steve Ladlie to tile in NW ¼ section 32 and SW ¼ section 29 in Freeborn county 104 N R20W to outlet into private tile. Lee Loverink is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 05-01-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Daryl & Kathy Reed to tile in section 35 Freeborn county T104 to outlet into J #24. Approx 8500 ft of 5 inch. VanWilgen Drainae is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 05-02-19.

An application to Renew a permit was submitted by Dale Wicks for work not completed last year. Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Dale is his own Contractor. Pete made a motion to renew this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 05-03-19.

A group of landowners have submitted applications for permits for Bath Twsp North of Clarks Grove for Water and Sediment control basin and grassed waterway project. This group includes Mark Anderson, Marian Thompson, Rick Wangsness, and Corey Wangsness. Here after this group will be referred to as “Multi Purpose ditch 8”. The following are the permit applications: Mark Anderson NW ¼ NE ¼ section 21 T 104N R21W Freeborn County. Marian Thompson NE ¼ NW ¼ section 21 T 104N R21W, Rick Wangsness SE ¼ of SW 1/4 section 16 104N R21W, and Corey Wangsness N 1/2 NE 1/4 section 21 104N R21W all to outlet into County Ditch 8. Pete made a motion to grant this group permit project seconded by Jon and carried. Permit # 05-04-19.

Individual Contracts for percent based Conservation practice assistance was completed by each of the four landowners of the Multi Purpose ditch 8 group and have been signed and returned to Steve Lawler.

Steve Lawler presented a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding between TCWD and Freeborn SWCD for the Board’s review, this outlines responsibilities for both parties in the administration of both 103E (Ditch Law) and 103F (the new buffer law). Hopefully this will help eliminate any confusion and duplication when implementing the buffer requirements on JCD J24. After brief discussion Pete made a motion to sign the agreement seconded by Jeff and carried.

Last month Lowell Schlotzhauer from Newry Township attended the meeting in regard to road damage near Deer Creek on 890th Ave. After discussion Pete made a motion for Turtle Creek and Newry Township to cost share to stabilize the East shoulder of 890th Avenue on Lateral 1-2 of Deer Creek in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 35 Newry Township. All costs will be split 50/50 up to and not to exceed amount of $3000.00. Seconded by Jeff and carried.

Steve Lawler notified Jon of two calls he received about down trees on 22nd ST NW Austin. Jon will check into this and get estimates on removal and report back to the Board.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary