

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

August 20th, 2019

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, Dave Vanderploeg, Pete VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler and Att’y Kurt Deter. Michelle Miller was absent.

Also attending the meeting were Chad Billat, Terry Ragan—BWSR St. Paul, Mark Yrjo—BWSR Mankato, Barry Magnuson, Barry Hoffman, Craig Hollerud, and Jeannine Vorland—Mn DNR Albert Lea, Mn.

Jon made a motion to approve the July 2019 minutes as submitted seconded by Pete and carried.

Correspondence was received from Mn Counties Intergovernmental Trust stated they are again able to declare a dividend. MCIT's ability to provide dividends reflects positive investment income, members' dedication to risk management and loss control, net income from conservative fiscal program management and better than expected claims development on a pool wide basis.

Steve Lawler reports there will be a Governance 101 Conference on September 12 & 13 2019 at the Airport Marriott 2020 American Blvd East, Bloomington Mn. The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is partnering with the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts to provide governance training for our members. Anyone available to attend should contact Steve Lawler for registration information.

The Managers congratulated Nancy on adjusting the legal notices for publication to include all pertinent information but, reducing the size of the ad to save the District a total of \$ 637.50 for the proposed budget notices.

The Treasures report showed \$168,691.38 in checking and \$22,179.67 in savings. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for July 31st 2019. There was no discussion.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 6,957.50 (Ditch J12)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,725.00 (Routine Maintenance)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson, & Walth, P.A.	\$ 158.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 55.08
Austin Daily Herald	\$ 193.80
Albert Lea Tribune	\$ 226.10
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

At 5:30 P.M. Pete made a motion to recess the regular Board meeting for the Hearing on the 2020 Proposed Budget seconded by Jeff and carried.

Chairperson Dave called the hearing to order. Nancy verified the publications in the Austin Daily Herald in Mower County and the Albert Lea Tribune in Freeborn County. Each Manager received a copy of the proposed budget for 2020 as follows:

Attorney fees (Rinke Noonan)	\$ 11,800.00
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Recording Secretary & Expenses	\$ 5,100.00
Managers	\$ 6,250.00
Administrative Services (Mower SWCD)	\$ 16,000.00
Audit & Monthly financial services	\$ 6,500.00
Viewers Assoc & MAWD dues	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,200.00
Advertising & Postage	\$ 1,500.00
Rent	\$ 625.00
Water Monitoring & Water Plan	\$ 7,500.00
Incentives, cost share & Project funding	\$ 16,500.00
Tree Removal	\$ 20,000.00
Beaver Tails	\$ 2,000.00
Clean Water Legacy	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 114,475.00

After discussion Pete offered the following resolution and moved for it's adoption for the 2020 Administrative Levy budget of \$ 114,475.00. The motion was seconded by Jon Erichson and carried. Dave Vanderploeg signed the resolution as acting Chairperson. Nancy will forward copies to Freeborn County and Mower County Auditor-Treasure.

Pete made a motion to adjourn the hearing and re-open the regular Board meeting seconded by Jeff and carried.

The Bar 2 group Project was discussed at length which included input from BWSR staff and landowners involved in the project. After questions and discussion ceased the following permits were submitted.

An application for permit was submitted by Daniel Stanley from Bar 2 Group project for part of the S ½ Sec 34 T-104-N-R-19W in Freeborn county Newry Twsp.for Wetland Restoration to outlet into private open ditch without agreement. Adjacent upstream Landowner has signed this application. Ryan Yokiell from North Mankato is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit **subject to obtaining the signature of Don Carlson** seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 08-01-19.

An application for permit was submitted by C & L Farms—Larry Reynen from Bar 2 Group project for part of S ½ Sec 34 T-104-N R-19W Freeborn County Newry Twsp for Wetland Restoration to outlet into private open ditch without agreement. Adjacent upstream landowner has signed this application. Ryan Yokiell from North Mankato is the contractor for his project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 08-02-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Don Carlson from Bar 2 Group project for part of S ½ Sec 34 T-104-N R-19W Freeborn County Newry Twsp for Wetland Restoration to outlet into private open ditch without agreement. Ryan Yokiell from North Mankato is the contractor for his project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 08-03-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Dahl to tile and replace 2500 ft 4 inch tile outlet in CDJ18 and clean over flow ditch at 24668 810th Ave Freeborn County Riceland Twsp SW ¼ NW ¼ section 21 R20W to outlet into CD 18. Mr. Dahl will be his own Contractor. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 08-04-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Jeff Wayne to tile in Geneva Twsp Freeborn County to outlet into private open ditch. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Jon made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 08-05-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile NE ¼ SE ½ Riceland Twsp Section 6 approx. 800ft in Freeborn County to outlet into public drainage system #30. Adjacent downstream landowner has signed this application. Morreim drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 08-06-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile approx. 1000 ft of 4 or 6 inch tile on 161.78 AC in Geneva Twsp section 31 Freeborn County to outlet into private tile in Ditch #30. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 08-07-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Peter VanErkel to tile approx. 1200 ft. add 1 –5 inch lateral in NW ¼ of SW ¼ section 32 Newry twsp Freeborn County to outlet into private tile. VanWilgen is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Pete abstained. Permit number 08-08-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Peter VanErkel to tile approx. 1200 ft. add 1 – 5 inch lateral in SW ¼ of SE ¼ section 5 Moscow Twsp Freeborn county. D.G. Richtsmeier has signed this application as adjacent landowner. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Pete abstained. Permit number 08-09-19.

An application for permit was submitted by Kenneth Wangen Bros to tile SW ¼ section 1 Riceland twsp Freeborn county to outlet into JD #24. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 08-10-19.

Jeanine Vorland attended the meeting to give an update on Geneva Lake.

Steve Lawler opened the discussion on the utilization of our water quality data already collected and if we should continue to sample. Most of the water quality data collected in Minnesota is managed in the use of MPCA's EQUIS (Environmental Quality Information System) Steve states we could submit our past and any future data into EQUIS. The agency then has the opportunity to generate reports based on all data from the Watershed including ours. After lengthy discussion Pete made a motion to coordinate a spread sheet with data available at this point and then decide if the Board wishes to do further research seconded by Jon and carried.

Steve Penkava reports at the October 2018 meeting the Board addressed work done without a TCWD permit and is in violation of the District Rule 3.2 H and Minnesota State statute 103E. Lynn Huston and Dustin Meyer had agreed to replace the structure having the same capacity as the original 60 inch concrete culvert on 890th Ave on Lateral 1-1 of Deer Creek Branch to joint County Ditch No. J24 in SE ¼ section 3 Moscow twsp. This work has not been completed at this time. The Board directed Att'y Deter to draft a letter to the township to have this completed.

The Board received a funding request to repair the Hickory lake outlet. After discussion no action was taken.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K Finley
Recording Secretary

