

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
February 19th, 2019

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota at 0400 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 was Tom Butler.

The Managers met at the February meeting at 0400 P.M. for their annual workshop to review and discuss the tasks and goals from 2018 and going into 2019. Steve Lawler will make the discussed revisions and additions and present an adjusted copy to the Managers.

Before the workshop started the Managers along with Steve Lawler and Steve Penkava surprised Nancy with a beautiful cake and framed photo done by Dr. Tim Rietz as a recognition for 40 years as Recording Secretary.

At 0500 P.M. the regular Board meeting was called to order with Dave Vanderploeg acting as Chairperson in Michelle's absence.

Pete made a motion to accept the January 2019 meeting as presented seconded by Jon and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$133,297.84 in checking and \$ 22,174.18 in savings. Jon distributed the bank reconciliation and financial statements, there was no discussion. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried.

Jon clarified a question from last months meeting regarding the \$100,977.33 payment that should have gone to Freeborn County which showed up in our Financial report as tax revenue. Per Liz Kellner--Hill, Larson & Walth P.A. in an email to Jon she states: " I will reclassify the \$100,977.33 as an account payable in December. When you cut the check to repay it I will reduce the payable to zero".

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 878.14
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 800.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 900.00

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.	\$ 287.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.08
Troy Hawkshead	\$ 300.00 (beaver tails)
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 200.00 (beaver tails)
Mower SWCD	\$ 2,175.97 (Website Design & Nancy's computer)
Rinke-Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

Nancy presented copies of the 2018 annual report. Pete made a motion to accept this report seconded by Jon and carried. Nancy will distribute copies to each Freeborn and Mower County Auditors, BWSR in St Paul and Dave Copeland in Rochester. The annual report will also be available on the Web site.

Dave gave a report on his meeting with the Freeborn County commissioners and Jon gave his report with the Mower County Commissioners who also received copies of the annual report. Both Dave and Jon reported they felt they were welcome and had good response.

Steve Lawler and Steve Penkava discussed briefly the Landowners informational meetings scheduled for Re-Determination of Benefits Freeborn/Mower County JCD J-24 to be held at the

Hollandale/Riceland Township Government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota. Steve Penkava also clarified there would be two sessions one at 9 AM and one at 4 P.M. which ever is convenient for you to attend.

Reimbursement of beaver tails was discussed. Pete made a motion to adjust the payment for beaver tails to \$60.00 per tail which is the same payment as Mower County seconded by Jon and carried. This rate will be effective immediately.

Steve Lawler states we will have a short celebration in May for the 50th anniversary of Turtle Creek Watershed which will include representatives from the State.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nancy K. Finley*  
Recording Secretary