

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
January 15th, 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, Michelle Miller, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler, and Att'y Kurt Deter.

Also attending the meeting were Chris Christianson, Kendall Langseth, and Dave Finley.

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

Correspondence included a report from Jeanine that the draw down will go through the next season.

The Minnesota Viewers Association meeting will be held January 17th at Jackpot Junction in Morton Minnesota. Dave made a motion to authorize two Managers to attend at the District's expense if they were available to attend seconded by Jon and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$22,173.24 in savings and \$ 242,908.88 in checking. Jon explained the increase amount in the checking account as a check for \$100,977.33 was a direct deposit that should have gone to Freeborn County for the ditch assessment for the watershed tax and the \$21,808.95 is the state aid buffer. After discussion Jon made a motion to forward a check to Freeborn County for \$100,977.33 seconded by Pete and carried.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 5,603.19 (Routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,686.99 (Goodrich Diversion washout)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,619.00 (J24 Peterson Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 5,727.67 (Turtle Creek Road)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 5,677.87 (Junction of CD 30)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,489.00 (Mud Creek)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,617.50 (Mud Creek)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 578.75 (Deer Creek)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 15,675.70 (main open ditch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 10,279.62 (main open ditch)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure	\$ 100,977.33 (ditch assessment tax)
Damel Corp	\$ 3,450.00
MCIT insurance	\$ 1,236.00
MAWD dues	\$ 2,613.00
Hill, Larson & Walth P.A.	\$ 316.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 53.08
Rinke Noonan	\$ 600.00 (Memo/Freeborn Cty SWCD)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 135.00 (Removal/soil letter)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

Viewers Chris Christianson and Kendall Langseth attended the meeting to update the Managers on J24 viewing. Chris reports they are preparing to start scheduling landowner meetings according to townships and hope to have two sessions each day one in the morning and one afternoon. Tentatively to start in March when Pat Martinson is available to do the mailing list.

Congratulations to Michelle who was re-appointed as Manager for another 3 year term. Michelle reinstated her Oath of Office and signed the form.

Pete made a motion to reinstate the same officers for another year, Jeff seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations a vote was taken with 4 aye's and 0 nays. The officers for 2019 is as follows:
Michelle--Chairperson, Dave--Vice Chairperson, Peter--Secretary, Jon--Treasure, and Jeff--Manager.

Steve Penkava handed out a copy of the Freeborn County Crop Damage Rate for 2019:

It is the policy of Freeborn County to set a rate of pay for crop damages that may occur due to repair, improvement, or construction projects. This is done at the beginning of the year for the entire year.

The yield is determined by using a three year average yield for Freeborn County from data received from the USDA. (National Agricultural Statistics Services)

The sale price is determined by using an average sale price for corn and beans from four local elevators on January 7th 2019.

Corn damage rate 202.3 bushels @ \$3.38 = \$684 per acre

Bean damage rate 57.7 bushels @ \$8.24 = \$475 per acre

This form has been signed by the Viewers and Pat Martinson Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure.

Steve Lawler reports the 2019 Legislative Reception and Day at the Capital starts on February 20th with an evening reception with legislators at the Double Tree hotel in Bloomington. February 21st begins with breakfast followed by individual appointments with our respective legislators. Att'y Deter stated if anyone is available this would be an excellent year to attend with so many new Legislative staff. Steve Lawler would be able to make reservations for any managers that can attend.

Steve Lawler will set up dates and times to be on the agenda for the annual update with the Counties. Dave will meet with the Freeborn County board and Jon will meet with the Mower County board.

Steve Lawler handed out draft copies for a review of tasks and priorities for the coming year and review the goals from the previous year for the Managers to study before the February meeting. Pete made a motion to meet one hour before the regular meeting in February to go over this draft seconded by Jeff and carried. The managers will meet at 4 P.M. on February 19th 2019 for this workshop.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

NANCY K. FINLEY

Recording Secretary



Prayers for a solution soon

