

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

July 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota at 0500 P.M. Present were Jon Erichson, Michelle Miller, Dave Vanderploeg, Steve Lawler, Steve Penkava, and Att'y Kurt Deter. Pete VanErkel and Jeff Ravenhorst were absent. Also attending the meeting was Lowell Schlotzhauser.

Dave made a motion to accept the June 2019 minutes as presented seconded by Jon and carried.

Correspondence received was from MAWD members regarding 2019 request for Resolutions for the annual meeting.

The Treasures report showed \$22,178.76 in savings and \$121,270.48 in checking. Dave made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Jon distributed the annual audit prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for the year ending December 2018. After discussion Dave made a motion to accept the audit seconded by Jon and carried.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc	\$ 7850.92 (routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1501.42 (Deer Creek)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 3691.41 (Main open ditch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 5574.02 (Mud Creek)

Dave made a motion to approve and forward these bills seconded by Jon and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson, & Walth P.A.	\$ 158.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	\$ 4000.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 55.08
Scott Bridley	\$ 60.00 (beaver tail)
Mower SWCD	\$ 8154.22
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

Jon distributed a proposed copy of the 2020 budget and explained the changes he proposed . After discussion Dave made a motion for Nancy to publish the proposed budget for the hearing to take place

on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota during the regular meeting , Jon seconded the0 motion. The following is a copy of the Proposed budget for the hearing to be published in the Austin Daily Herald in Mower County and the Albert Lea Tribune in Freeborn County according to statute.

Attorney fees (Rinke Noonan)	\$ 11,800.00
Recording Secretary & expenses	\$ 5100.00
Managers	\$ 6250.00
Administrative Services (Mower SWCD	\$ 16,000.00
Audit & Monthly financial services	\$ 6500.00
Viewers Assoc. & MAWD Dues	\$ 3500.00
Insurance	\$ 2200.00
Advertising & Postage	\$ 1500.00
Rent	\$ 625.00
Water Monitoring & Water Plan	\$ 7500.00
Incentives, cost share & Project funding	\$ 16,500.00
Tree Removal	\$ 20,000.00
Beaver Tails	\$ 2000.00
Clean Water Legacy	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 114,475.00

Jon discussed 4 down trees in Turtle Creek that tipped into the main channel, mostly north of the West Oakland Bridge. Jon has met with Morem Tree Service regarding a bid for removal.

Steve Lawler received this email from Jeanine with an update on Geneva Lake after the meeting. There is mixed news regarding the lake. As you can imagine with all the rain the progress toward the summer drawdown objective is minimal. The lake level is only about 4" below normal runout (our goal was about 18" by this point in the growing season). To the casual observer, the lake level may seem much lower as we have become used to seeing water levels higher than normal the last few summers. Water clarity is poor and the lake is green with algae. Nevertheless, submersed vegetation, particularly sago pondweed, a valuable wildlife plant, is growing in moderate densities and is widespread across the lake and appears to our identified objective for coverage. With the stop logs out water levels in the lake have been more stable without the rapid "bounces." We plan to leave stop logs out for the near future and will re-evaluate in late summer.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley, Recording Secretary