

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

February 18th, 2020

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota at 5 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 Pat Martinson, Sandy Tomschin, Dan Donnelly, Nicole Schneider, Jeanine Vorland, Mark Behrends, Carroll Clausen, Wayne Borneman, David & Jenny Williams and James Fett.

Dave Vanderploeg Chaired the meeting in Michelle’s absence.

Pete made a motion to accept the January 2020 minutes as submitted seconded by Jeff and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$22,184.31 in savings and \$189,796.88 in checking. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried. Jon distributed the Financial report for January 31st 2020. There was no discussion.

A bill was submitted for approval to be forwarded to Pat Martinson Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure from Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc. in the amount of \$ 1,200.00 for routine maintenance. Pete made a motion to approve and forward this bill seconded by Jon and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson, & Walth P.A.	\$ 288.50
Verizon Wireless	\$ 55.08
Lance Loverink	\$ 60.00 (beaver tail)
Mark Muilenburg	\$ 60.00 (beaver tail)
Mn Counties Intergovernmental Trust	\$ 1,369.00
Mower SWCD	\$ 21.17 (1 year Domain Renewal)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

An application for permit was submitted by the City of Austin for City owned property on North side of Turtle Creek west of 4th Street & 16th Ave SW intersection to Bustad Park. NW section 10 Austin Twsp, Mower County R10W.for an Urban Development surface drainage to Turtle Creek. Contractor to be determined by Bidding process. Jon made a motion to grant this permit second by Pete and carried. Permit 02-01-20.

Steve Lawler gave a report on the Water Plan Implementation. In December the BWSR Board approved the 1W1P for the Cedar River Watershed. After discussion Pete made the following motion: Whereas the Turtle Creek Watershed District has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and soil

Resources that the Cedar-Wapsipinicon Comprehensive Watershed management plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes #103B.801 and Board Resolution #16-17: Now Therefore, Be it Resolved the Turtle Creek Watershed District hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Cedar-Wapsipinicon Plan.(attached Figure 1-1). Jon seconded this motion. Dave Vanderploeg signed the Certification which read: I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by Turtle Creek Watershed District at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the Eighteenth day of February 2020.

Staff and the Board will work on developing a flier for 1W1P to include in the JD24 Redetermination of Benefit mailings. The mailing is anticipated to be sent sometime during the summer of 2020.

James Fett Mower SWCD attended the meeting to discuss Water Monitoring Data. Last year the Board requested we determine options to better utilize water quality sampling data collected over the years in the Turtle Creek System. James attend to explain the MPCA water quality data management system called EQuIS (Environmental Quality information System) This system is used by many entities in the state for data storage and also processes data information for a variety of purposes. Turtle Creek Watershed District currently has data from 2011 to 2018 that has not been stored in the EQuIS database. Storing the water quality in the EQuIS data base helps achieve the bullet points James discussed and ensures that the data gets used the way it should. James also presented a cost estimate for a Watershed Technician and an Intern to compile this information at approximately \$ 1,001.10.

After discussion Pete made a motion to authorize James and a SWCD Intern to enter the data into EQuIS for the District, seconded by Jon and carried.

At 5:30 P.M. Pete made a motion to recess the regular Board meeting for the Public hearing seconded by Jeff and carried.

Chairperson Dave call the hearing to order for the Preliminary Hearing on Repair and Improvement of Ditch J 12. Steve Lawler distributed copies of the Agenda. Att'y Deter explained the Purpose of the Hearing followed by Pat Martinson Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure reporting the dates the notices were mailed and published.

At this point Engineer Steve Penkava- gave a presentation of the project including the history of CD J12, project location, proposed construction, preliminary opinion of probably cost and repair cost allocation. ETC. It is noted NO DNR advisory report has been received.

At this time the hearing was open to Public Comment and questions. Only one landowner commented that the tile present is very old and not working properly. Hearing no further discussion Pete made a motion to close the hearing to the public and opened to action by the Drainage Authority. Seconded by Jeff . Finding the Engineers Preliminary Report meets all requirements Pete made a motion to continue with the next step which is to do the Final Engineer's report, Redetermination and appoint Viewers seconded by Jon and carried.

The following Viewers were appointed.: Mark Behrends, Robert Hansen, Dennis Distad, Kendall Langseth, John Thompson, Bruce Ness and Joseph Mutschler, only using the number of Viewers necessary

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

Pete made a motion to approve the annual report that Nancy presented with the updated Advisory committee information that has been confirmed by Steve Lawler contacting each member. seconded by Jon and carried

Pete made a motion to accept the revised 2020 Work plan seconded by Jon and carried.

Steve Lawler reminded the Managers of the Breakfast at the capital March 18-19, 2020. Dave is interested in going and will confirm if he is available with Steve.

Jon will make an appointment to be on the Agenda with the Commissioners meeting for Mower County to give an annual report and Steve Lawler will make an appointment with Freeborn County for Dave to be on their agenda.

Jeanine Vorland attended the meeting to give an update on Geneva Lake and to inform the Board regarding a Dike near Moscow on the Dickman property that is owned by the State. Steve Penkava will review the preliminary plan.

The Board discussed and approved the Redetermination of Benefits for CD J30, CD J27 and CD31.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary