

Minute of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

January 21st, 2020

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board met at 4 O'clock on January 21st 2020 for their annual Workshop to discuss the tasks and goals from 2019 going into 2020.

Attending the workshop were Michelle Miller, Pete VanErkel, Dave Vanderploeg, Jeff Ravenhorst, Steve Penkava, Nancy Finley and leading the discussion was Steve Lawler. Jon Erichson was absent.

Steve handed out a draft of the 2019 work Plan with 14 Goals showing what has been completed and what is on going items. Steve states this year considerable Clean Water funds will be available through 1W1P for projects. We need to have projects ready to go for implementation especially in the highly targeted Geneva Lake headslope areas.

Steve will make the adjustment from the group discussion and bring the completed plans and goals to the Managers at the February 2020 meeting.

At 5 P.M. the Regular Board meeting was called to order.

In addition to the Work shop meeting those in attendance were Att'y Kurt Deter, Lowell Schlotzhauser, Pat Martinsen, Dan Donnelle, Justin Hanson, Jeanine Vorland.

Pete made a motion to accept the December 17th 2019 minutes as presented seconded by Dave and carried.

Correspondence included the annual MAWD Breakfast and Day at the Capital to be held on March 18th and 19th 2020 at the Double Tree Hotel. Any Manager available to attend can contact Steve Lawler for assistance in Reservations.

In Jon's absence Michelle gave the Treasure's report showing \$189,571.08 in checking and \$ 22,184.31 in savings. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Dave and carried. Nancy distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial statements for December 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	\$ 2,850.00 (Cty ditch J27)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 690.00 (routine Maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,285.00 (Improvement ditch J12)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 550.00 (J24 Redetermination. Of benefits)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 137.50 (Cty ditch J12)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Hill, Larson, & Walth, PA	\$ 158.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 55.08
Paul Heijerman	\$ 240.00 (beaver tails)

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

In December 2019 the BWSR Board approved the 1W1P for the Cedar River Watershed. The next step is for all the cooperating LGUs to individually approve this plan as their own water plan. Justin Hanson attend the meeting to give an overview of the plan and how we can implement for the benefit of Turtle Creek. The Final plan sets priorities, goals and strategies for the next 10 years of managing water and ensure the most significant threats to the Watershed's resources will be addressed with practices providing the greatest environmental benefits. Justin and Steve both recognized Pete for his time and expertise working on the plan.

Pete made a motion to set the hearing date for JD12 Branch D improvements for Tuesday February 18th 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the regular Board meeting in the Government Center in Hollandale, Mn. Jeff seconded the motion and carried.

Nancy presented the managers with the draft of the 2019 annual report with a request for the Managers to review before the February 2020 meeting for approval.

Steve Penkava gave a report on the annual crop damage report as follows:

Freeborn County Crop Damage Rate for 2020 (Standing crop)

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 December 30, 2019.

Corn damage rate 193.3 bushels @ \$3.61 = \$698 per acre

Bean damage rate 56.3 bushels @ \$8.78 = \$494 per acre

Pete made a motion to adopt the Freeborn County rate of pay seconded by Jeff and carried.

Dave made a motion to approve the 2020 Administrative Budget compensation increases for Managers, Recording Secretary and Administrator effective January 2020 seconded by Jeff and carried.

Steve Lawler had one remaining extension for Chairperson Michelle to sign on the Cost share contract extension.

Steve Penkava distributed copies of the Redetermination of Benefits for JCD-24 Viewers report with a spread sheet explaining the process. Informational meetings for landowners in JCD J-24 and subwatersheds will be held on February 3rd, 5th, and 7th 2020. Location will be at the Hollandale Government Center in Hollandale, Mn. Mark Behrends and Pat Martinson will be ending out letters to landowners.

Jeanine Vorland attended the meeting to give a brief report on Geneva Lake.

Steve Lawler reported on the Water Monitoring data that has been collected. MPCA would take the information to use MPCA's EQulS. Most of the water quality data collected in Minnesota is managed in this system.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K Finley

Recording Secretary