

Minutes of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
December 19th 2023

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota. Present were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, and James Fett. Attorney John Kolb was absent.

Also attending the meeting were Kelly Hendrickson Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer, Al & Beth Karstens, and Lance and Dawn Loverink.

Pete made a motion to accept the November 2023 minutes as presented seconded by Jeff, carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$198,700.79 in checking and \$153,172.44 in the Money Market. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried.

Jon distributed the bank Reconciliation and Financial statement ending November 30th 2023. There was no discussion.

The following claims were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Kelly Hendrickson Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer:

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 19,904.65 (J#24)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,874.43 (J#24)

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:

Accurant LLC	\$ 158.00
City of Hollandale	\$ 1,000.00 (rent)
Olson Tree Service	\$ 1,050.00
Steve Tuveson	\$ 120.00 (beaver tails)
Paul Heijerman	\$ 60.00 (beaver tail)
Cedar River Watershed	\$ 2,171.54 (July-Dec 2023 monitoring)
Mower SWCD	\$ 12,703.30
Rinke Noonan	\$ 417.50
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Michelle O'Connor	\$ 210.48
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 200.00
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 200.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 200.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 512.88
Nancy Finley & Verizon	\$ 1800.42

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

An application for permit was submitted by Mark Foster to tile approx. 9900 ft of 4-inch tile in NE1/4 SE1/4 section 3 Bath Twsp Freeborn County to outlet in Cty tile. Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Loken Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 12-01-23.

An application for permit was submitted by Brad Edwards to tile approx. 20,000 ft in SE corner of Hwy 251/ 825th Ave in section 3 T103 R20 Riceland Twsp Freeborn County to outlet into JD #24. Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application subject to receiving a map of the project seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 12-02-23.

An application for permit was submitted by Brad Edwards to tile approx. 7000 ft NW corner of Hwy 251/ZyderZee Ave North section 34 /T 104 /R020 Geneva Twsp /Freeborn county to outlet into JD#24. Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application subject to receiving a map of the project seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 12-03-23.

Steve Penkava distributed packets to the Managers and discussed the CD#8 Improvement for the Managers to review for the next meeting and set a date of the public hearing.

Pete made a motion to have the annual workshop before the January meeting which will be January 16th to start at 3:30 in the afternoon. The Managers felt it would be beneficial to combine it with the Citizens Advisory Committee. James will invite the Advisory Committee to the workshop. Seconded by Dave and carried.

James distributed a copy of the memo from Rinke Noonan Att'y at law that outlines price increases for 2024.

James has been speaking with BWSR and Jeanine regarding opportunities for watershed-based implementation fundings to help fund the wetland restoration abutting the Kruger project on Wo Wacintanka WMA. James will continue to work with Jeanine on this and getting an update on the Angel project.

The Karstens and Loverinks attended the meeting to discuss the excavation that has been done by Scattered Acres LLC in Geneva Twsp section 14 regarding rules/permitting violation. After discussion the Board instructed James to contact Att'y Kolb to request their presence at the January meeting for discussion.

James received an email regarding the mileage rate will be .67 cents per mile effective January 1st 2024 for Supervisors and Employees. This is up 1.5 cents from 2023.

Kelly Hendrickson attended the meeting representing Freeborn County Auditor Treasure. Pat Martinson retired November 10th 2023 and Kelly Hendrickson the County Recorder has been appointed the Interim Auditor-Treasure. Welcome Kelly.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Secretary

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALLAND HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE 2024