

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
October 17th, 2023

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the government Center n Hollandale Minnesota. Present were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Michelle O'Connor, Steve Penkava and James Fett. Att'y John Kolb attended remotely. Absent were Pete VanErkel and Dave Vanderploeg. Also attending the meeting were Tom Butler, Steve Lonning and Matt Loverink.

Jeff made a motion to accept the September 2023 minutes as presented seconded by Jon and carried.

The Treasurers Report showed \$181,272.54 in checking and \$152,564.84 in money market. Jon made a motion to accept this subject to audit seconded by Jeff and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statements dated Sept 30th, 2023. There was no discussion.

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

Rinke Noonan	\$ 2,127.50 (J#30)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$12,409.93 (J#24)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 4,539.52 (J#24)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

Accurant LLLC	\$ 158.00
Olson Tree Service	\$ 840.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 790.00
James Fett	\$ 35.00(Reimbursement/supplies)
Nancy Finley	\$ 55.57(Verizon reimbursement)

Jon made a motion to pay the bills second by Jeff and carried.

An application for permit was submitted by Michael O'Connor to tile In Newry Twsp Freeborn County NW ¼ section 29 T104 R19 to outlet into Butler Ditch. Tom Butler has signed this application as adjacent landowner. Adam Bishop is the Contractor. Jeff made a motion to grant his permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit # 10-01-23.

Steve Lonning attended the meeting with concerns and questions regarding tiling in his area. Mr. Lonning will speak with the landowners and report his finding to James for the November meeting.

Matt Loverink attended the meeting to discuss the trees along Mud Creek. After discussion the Managers chose to table the discussion until Pete was present as he has land on the same area.

The issue of cattle being allowed to graze in Deer Creek was discussed. James summarized his findings from meeting on site with the landowner along with the discussion with the landowners and renter. After lengthy discussion the Board decided to continue having James work with the landowners and renter to limit cattle access from Deer Creek and the 16.5 foot buffer from he top of each bank by installing a temporary fence and allowing cattle to cross at the two previously established crossing locations.

MAWD registration is available for the Managers that are able to attend. Jon made a motion to continue as in years past with the district authorizing 2 delegates and one alternate to represent Turtle Creek seconded by Jeff and carried. If interested please contact James for the dates, times and assistance with Registration.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley, Recording Secretary

