

PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

April 20th 2021

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at 5 P.M. at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota following the guidelines of sanitizing tables and chairs and social distancing before the start of the meeting.

Attending the meeting were Jeff Ravenhorst, Dave Vanderploeg, Steve Lawler, Steve Penkava and Att’y Kurt Deter. Absent were Jon Erichson, Michelle O’Connor and Pete VanErkel.

Also attending the meeting were Phil Wacholtz—Freeborn County Engineer, Ben Anderson, James Bagley and David Schewe. Jeanine Vorland via phone and Pete VanErkel via email contact.

The March 2021 minutes were approved with a motion by Jeff, seconded by Dave and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$224,220.32 in checking and \$ 22,189.38 in savings. Jeff made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Dave and carried. Steve Lawler distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial report for March 31st 2021. There was no discussion, any questions or concerns will be addressed at the May meeting when Jon is available for discussion.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Pat Martinson—Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer:

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| Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. | \$ 2,702.50 (routine Maintenance) |
| Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. | \$ 7,072.90 (County Ditch J12) |

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

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| Verizon Wireless | \$ 55.29 |
| Hill Larson & Walth, P.A. | \$ 158.00 |
| Haley Habana | \$ 300.00 (Beaver tails) |
| Troy Hawkshead | \$ 120.00 (Beaver tails) |
| Mower SWCD | \$ 2,315.75 (2020 TCWD Monitoring) |
| Cedar River Watershed | \$ 2,311.11 (2020 monitoring costs) |
| Jeff Ravenhorst | \$ 400.00 |
| Rinke Noonan | \$ 950.00 |

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

An application for permit was submitted by Ryan Wangen to tile in Moscow Twsp, Freeborn Cty SW ¼ of NW ¼ section 20 T103N R19W to outlet into private tile without agreement. Ryan is his own Contractor. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-01-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Ryan Wangen to tile in Moscow Twsp Freeborn Cty SW ¼ of NE ¼ section 19 103N R19W to outlet into private open ditch without agreement. Ryan is his own Contractor. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-02-21.

An application for permit was submitted by James Bagley to tile in Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty NE ¼ SW ¼ section 16 T103 R20 to outlet into private open ditch with agreement. Ellingson Co is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-03-21.

An application for permit was submitted by David Schewe to extend an existing tile in Hayward twsp Freeborn city section 1 R20W this connects to tile in Riceland section 36 under Freeborn Cty Road 102. The new 6-inch plastic tile line will extend East approx., 400 -500 ft with lateral 6-inch plastic line to the South, each of those lines will be 300-400 ft. to outlet into private tile. Contractor has not been determined at this time. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-04-21

An application for permit was submitted by Becky and Brad Edwards to tile in Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty 830th Ave 275th St approx. 33,897.39 ft 4 in tile into pump station to private ditch. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-05-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Andrew Bowman to tile in Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty SE SE section 28 T104 R20 approx. 3000 ft to outlet into private open ditch. Tom Beenken is the Contractor for this project. Dave made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-06-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Ben Anderson to tile in Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty SW ¼ section 9 T104 N R20W to outlet into private tile with agreement into Geneva Lake. Adjacent landowners have signed this application. Borglum Brothers Farm Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Dave made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Permit # 04-07-21.

An application for **Renewal** was submitted by Dale Wicks to pattern tile on 124 acres in Moscow Twsp Freeborn Cty T103 R 19 Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Mr. Wicks is his own Contractor. Jeff made a motion to renew this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. New permit number # 04-08-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Jeff Ravenhorst to tile in Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty section 35 approx. 14,674 ft to outlet into Mudd Creek to JD 24. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Dave made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email. and carried. Jeff abstained. Permit # 04-09-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Jeff Ravenhorst to tile into Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty section 34 14,000 ft of 6-inch lines to outlet into JD #24. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Dave made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete via email and carried. Jeff abstained. Permit # 04-10-21.

Phil Wacholtz attended the meeting to review the cost estimates for dropping the culvert elevations' along the Geneva Lake segment of the CR 26 Reconstruction Project to help accommodate lake Management. Jeanine called via phone however Atty Deter suggested due to the absence of 3 Managers it would be better to table the discussion until the May meeting, both Phil and Jeanine agreed.

Steve Penkava presented the Detailed Tabulation of Bids received for the Improvement to County Ditch No J12. A total of 5 bidders provided quotes for the project. After reviewing the bids and reputation of contractor with good experience with company and its personnel, Steve recommended DeCook Drainage, Inc. with the low bid of \$105,757.94, this is 15.5 percent below the Engineer's estimate and approximately 12.8 percent below the next lowest bid. After discussion Jeff made a motion to accept this bid seconded by Dave and carried. Steve reports the Contracts should be ready to sign by the Chair Person at the May 2021 meeting.

Steve Lawler reported he and Jon had attended the Mower County Commissioners meeting and felt it was a very good meeting. Steve recognized Nancy for the Annual report she prepares and states it is a valuable tool in their meetings with the Commissioners.

Steve Lawler received a call from a landowner on Hwy 251 near Hollandale regarding a tree in the ditch. After discussion the Managers authorized Steve to contact the landowner again for further information as to the location, size of the tree etc. to determine if it is the responsibility of the district for removal.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary