

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
July 18th, 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.

Also attending were Tom Butler, Scott & Dawn Lightly, Pat Martinson Jim Nielsen, Ron Olson, Troy Olson and Chad Billat-Freeborn SWCD. Attending remotely were Att'y Dan Donnelly and Att'y Dean Zimmerli.

Pete made a motion to accept the June 2023 minutes as presented seconded by Dave and carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$174,392.08 in checking. \$151,733.24 in money market. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit, seconded by Pete and carried.

Jon distributed the Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation dated June 30th 2023. There was no discussion. Jon also distributed and discussed the 2022 Annual audit prepared by Peterson Co LTD. There was no discussion therefore Pete made a motion to accept the audit acknowledging that if there were questions after closer review they could be discussed at the next meeting. Seconded by Dave and carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Pat Martinson—Freeborn Cty.

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 11,800.00 (County Ditch #8)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 82.50 (County Ditch #8)

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:

Peterson Co LTD	\$ 4,350.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 434.00
Accurant LLC	\$ 158.00
Cedar River Watershed	\$ 1,068.45 (Water Monitoring)
Mower SWCD	\$ 1,031.82 (Water Monitoring)
Mower SWCD	\$ 8,855.39 (Administration services)
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 200.00
Michelle O'Connor	\$ 315.72
Nancy Finley	\$ 55.78 (Verizon Reimbursement)

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

An application for permit was submitted by Scott Thompson for CREP Wetland Restoration in part of the S ½ SW ¼ Section 11. T103N, R19W in Moscow twsp, Freeborn Cty to outlet into Wetland Restoration and private tile. 4 upstream landowners have signed this application. Contractor for this project has not been determined at this time. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 07-01-23.

Jon distributed the proposed Administrative Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$114,000.00, after discussion Pete made a motion to set the public hearing for the 2024 budget on Tuesday August 15th 2023 at 5:15 PM at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota. Dave seconded the motion. Nancy will publish the legal notice in the Austin Daily Herald—Mower Cty and Albert Lea Tribune—Freeborn Cty.

CD 31 Resolution was discussed. Both Att'y Donnelly and Att'y Zimmerli attended the meeting remotely. Zimmerly stated the Petitioners reached an agreement to dismiss the petition and to allocate the total costs of the project as a proportion of the acreage owned by each landowner. A copy of the agreement among the petitioners was provided to the board that showed the financial responsibility per each landowner. Att'y Zimmerli stated that over 90% of the landowners had signed this agreement. After discussion Pete made a motion for the Board to approve a preliminary resolution regarding the dismissal of proceedings that was drafted by Rinke Noonan. Final resolution will be sought for approval at the August Board meeting. In the meantime, Freeborn County will be double

checking that all of the acreages and landowners' names in the agreement are current and will determine the interest rates and repayment schedule for landowners. Dave seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The ditch viewers finished up their Redetermination of Benefits on CD J #30 and are prepared to set a hearing date. Pat Martinson needs about 6 weeks of lead time to send out letters and notices for the hearing. After discussion and agreement with Pat, Pete made a motion to set the hearing date for Tuesday Sept 19th at 5:15 PM. Pat will take care of publication for the hearing to be held at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota.

Dave reported that he and James met with the Freeborn County Commissioners in the morning for their annual update with TCWD. The Board ask for updates and information on what was being tested with the Water sampling. James provided them with a report. Said it was a short but, nice meeting.

The Board received a thank you from the Mn Watersheds Board of Directors thanking the Board for co-hosing the Summer Tour, stating "you time and talents helped to make this a successful event."

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Secretary