

PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

July 20th, 2021

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at 5 P.M. at the Government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota. Attending were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, Steve Lawler and Att'y Kurt Deter.

Also attending the meeting were Mark Behrends—Viewer, Justin Hanson Mower SWCD, Pete Fryer—Engineer and Lindsey Zeitler—Freeborn SWCD.

Jeff made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 15th 2021 seconded by Jon and carried.

Correspondence included a report from Steve Lawler the MAWD summer meeting will be an online meeting on July 22nd 2021 starting at 1 P.M. The meeting will include a legislative recap, report on how MAWD is progressing at the midpoint of our strategic plan with discussion on the next steps for finishing this plan and starting the next, and a presentation on the resolutions process. There is no charge for this event. Any Manager wishing to attend Steve will help them register on line.

The Treasures' report showed \$210,772.90 in checking and \$22,189.65. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial report ending June 30th 2021. 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.	\$ 90,778.71 (J12 Project)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,690.00 (Routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 18,287.08 (Cty Ditch J12)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 661.20 Mud Creek)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Verizon Wireless	\$ 55.72
Hill, Larson & Walth P.A.	\$ 158.00
Troy Hawkshead	\$ 180.00 (Beaver tails)
Cedar River Watershed District	\$ 1,908.05 (Monitor costs)
Mower SWCD	\$ 10,842.72 (Admin Serv, Monitoring, Website Security and Domain, Cleanup disposal)
Rinke-Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

An application for permit was submitted by Wayne Borneman to tile in Freeborn County, Riceland Twsp, section 4 R20W. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 07-01-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Warren Smith to tile in Freeborn Cty Geneva Twsp on 117 acres in section 33 104N R 20W. Both downstream landowners have signed this application. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 07-02-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Mike Loucks from City of Austin Public Works proposing to repair an outlet to an old storm sewer located South of the West Oakland Bridge on the East bank. The 15-inch dia. metal outlet is pulling away from the underground concrete main causing a blowout in the lawn. The metal will be replaced with duo wall and the bank will be rip raped to protect this new outlet pipe. They are not proposing to extend the rip rap into the existing channel. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jon and carried. Permit # 07-03-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Riceland Grain to tile in Freeborn County, Moscow Twsp SE ¼ section 35 T103N R19W to outlet into Turtle Creek. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 07-04-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Duane & Brian Johnson for a permit for improvements to the Hickory Lake dam in Freeborn County, Moscow twsp section 9 SE T103 R19 for pipe replacement., to drain into private open ditch without agreement. Downstream landowner has signed this application. A Contractor has not been determined at this time. Lindsey Zeitler from Freeborn SWCD and Pete Fryer, Engineer were present to provide a short presentation on this project and consider any financial support. After discussion Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 07-05-21.

Jon made a motion for financial support from Turtle Creek Watershed on the Hickory Lake improvement project to match the Landowner's contribution up to \$5000.00 seconded by Pete and carried.

Mark Behrends—Viewer attended the meeting to report on the J24 redetermination .and answer any questions the Board may have on the Redetermination. Mark states their work is completed and they are ready to proceed with a public hearing. Steve Penkava has discussed with Pat Martinson her time frame for preparation of the notices and publication for the hearing. Steve Lawler has contacted Riverland College in Austin to reserve a facility for the hearing. After discussion Pete made a motion to set the hearing date for Tuesday September 21st, 2021 at 4 P.M. in the afternoon at Riverland College in Austin, Mn. seconded by Jon and carried.

Steve Lawler and Jon presented copies of the 2022 proposed Administrative Levy as follows:

1. Attorney Fees (Rinke Noonan)	\$ 11,800.00
2. Recording Secretary /Expenses	\$ 6000.00
3. Managers	\$ 6250.00
4. Administrative Services (Mower SWCD)	\$ 17,000.00
5. Audit and Monthly Financial Services	\$ 6500.00
6. Viewers Association and MAWD Dues	\$ 3500.00

7. Insurance	\$ 2200.00
8. Advertising and Postage	\$ 1000.00
9. Rent	\$ 650.00
10. Water Monitoring and Water Plan	\$ 7500.00
11. Incentives, Cost Sharing, Projects	\$ 16,500.00
12. Tree Removal	\$ 19,400.00
13. Beaver Tails	\$ 3000.00
14. Clean Water Legacy	\$ 12,700.00
	Total \$114,000.00

Hearing no discussion Pete made a motion to set the hearing date for Tuesday August 17th, 2021 at 5:15 P.M.at the Government Center in Hollandale, Mn seconded by Dave and carried. Nancy will take care of the publications in the Austin Daily Herald –Mower County and Albert Lea Tribune—Freeborn County.

Dave made a motion to authorize up to \$2500.00 to continue the History data collection seconded by Jeff and carried.

Steve Penkava presented the 2021 brush control bid summary from B & W Control Specialist in the total of \$17,500.00. Pete made a motion to authorize Steve to continue with B & W Specialist as they have done a good job for TCWD and generally come in under budget seconded by Jeff and carried.

Grazing has been discussed at previous meetings, Steve Penkava provided a copy of the District policy which states: It is the responsibility of each landowner to provide adequate fencing to restrict animal access to the open ditch and one-rod grass strip. If fencing is not installed, the landowner will be in violation of the TURTLE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT grass strip policy.

Justin Hanson presented an area of concern on a piece of property in Moscow Township, owned by Ms. Aristeakonakis. SWCD staff have been working with the renter to address an extensive runoff issue on her farm. The outlet of the farm is JD #24. The outlet will require maintenance at some point as it has washed out. District Engineer Penkava suggested that the outlet could be repaired when the field washout issue was addressed. SWCD staff will work with all parties to facilitate a project that will reduce runoff on this field. The TCWD may be approached as a project partner in the future.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary