

PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Also attending the meeting was James Fett.

The Minutes from April 2022 were approved as presented with a motion from Pete seconded by Jeff and carried.

Correspondence from Steve Lawler included an email from Jeanine Vorland—Area Wildlife Manager who was unable to attend the meeting. Jeanine's email as follows: "Water levels have been normal for spring (averaging on the high side) reflecting the abundant rains we had in April. MN DNR Fisheries did some netting on Geneva earlier this spring and found very healthy perch numbers. Some were used to re-stock other area lakes. Geneva was stocked with northern pike fry, Migratory waterfowl made good use of the lake during spring migration. The cold, wet, and windy April is not ideal for shallow lakes as it can result in higher turbidity due to constantly stirring up bottom sediment with the high winds and wave action. Submersed aquatic plants can be a little slower due to the persistent cold conditions. Nevertheless, water clarity as observed from the dam has been good so far. I am guardedly optimistic we will continue to see good submersed plant growth this season. "

The Board thanks Jeanine for the updates she provides either in person or via email.

Steve also handed out a copy of the 2022 May Snapshots from Mn Board of Water and soil resources which recognized a Freeborn County Wetland restoration on a MN CREP easement in Hollandale which included with the article, construction pictures.

The Treasures report showed \$214,724.13 in checking and \$72,191.16 in savings. Jon explained the policy on the checking account balance and saving account. After discussion Jon made a motion to authorize the bank to do a "sweep" each day from the checking account to the savings account to stay within the legal requirements seconded by Pete and carried, At that point Jon made a motion to approve the Treasures' report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried.

Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022. 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.	\$ 4,650.99 (Hoagland Branch)
Jones, Haugh, & Smith Inc.	\$ 3,810.00(Cty Ditch #8)
Jones, Haugh, & Smith Inc.	\$ 1,430.00 ( Cty Ditch J27)

Jones, Haugh, & Smith Inc.                      \$ 1,960.00 (Routine maintenance)

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:

Hill, Larson & Walth, P.A.	\$ 158.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 54.44
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

At the April meeting Luke Neilson presented an application for permit from Darlene Borneman which the Board requested written approval from Freeborn County Commissioners before granting the application. Mr. Neilson has received the approval from Freeborn County. Pete made a motion to approve the application seconded by Jeff and carried. The permit application will be presented to the Managers at the June meeting which will be entered into the minutes at that time.

An application for permit was submitted by Dean Reed to tile in Geneva Twsp, Freeborn County section 36 R20 approx 15,000 ft of 4-inch lateral to outlet into JD #24. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit number 05-02-22.

Brad Edwards contacted Steve Lawler regarding purchasing a large screen TV for the Government Center to be used by anyone renting the facility to be utilized for power point presentations and requested Turtle Creek cost share. After discussion the Managers suggested it be added as a rent increase split between everyone that rents the Government Center for meetings. Steve Lawler will talk to Brad and report back to the June meeting.

James Fett attended the meeting to discuss the historical summary of the water monitoring data from 2011-2021 a 10-year Water Quality Monitoring Summary.

Verizon Wireless will no longer accept the District business check as they do not have the web site to do that any longer. Jon will check with the auditor to verify direct payment from the checking account then stop at Verizon Wireless to set up the account if approved with the auditor.

Steve Lawler notified the Board he will be cutting back on his time at Mower SWCD in July 2022. James Fett has accepted the District Administrator position for the Turtle Creek Watershed Board. Welcome James and thank you Steve for all you have done for the District.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

***Nancy K. Finley***

Recording Secretary