

PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Steve Lawler set up the hot spot device for the Zoom meeting at the Government Center for anyone wishing to join via Zoom.

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

Also attending the meeting were Warren Smith and Jeanine Vorland.

The April 2021 meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Dave, seconded by Pete and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$217,601.53 in checking and \$22,189.47 in savings. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Dave and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for April 2021, there was no discussion.

Jon distributed and explained the 2020 Audit Questionnaire the Auditors request completing each year by each Manager which tracks any transaction between TCWD and any private parties. The questionnaires were signed by the Managers and returned to Jon who will forward them to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

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. | \$ 2,221.92 (Deer Creek Branch) |
| Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. | \$ 2,605.00 (Routine Maint)     |

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.:

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| Verizon Wireless          | \$ 55.29               |
| Hill, Larson & Walth P.A. | \$ 158.00              |
| Darwin Bos                | \$ 60.00 (Beaver tail) |
| Rinke Noonan              | \$ 950.00              |

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

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile in Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty section 31 T104 R020 borders Cty Ditch #30 on North side of Hwy 251 to outlet in #30. Project is on a 27-acre vegetable field. 7000 ft of tile may need to be replaced with 4-inch plastic ,5000 ft of 4-inch plastic

needs to be put in to pattern tile the field. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 05-01-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Becky Edward to tile East of 825<sup>th</sup> North of 275<sup>th</sup> St in Hollandale, Freeborn Cty. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 05-02-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Michael Veldman to tile in Riceland Twsp, Freeborn Cty section 13 T103N R20W to outlet into Turtle Creek. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 05-03-21

An application for permit was submitted by Pete VanErkel and Al Brown to tile in SE ¼ of E 1/4 Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty section 6 to outlet into Cty #30. This is a joint project so no adjacent landowners signature required. Morreim drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Pete Abstained. Permit # 05-04-21.

The Board chose the Contractor DeCook construction for the J12 improvement project at the April 2021 meeting therefore Steve Penkava brought the Contract to the May 2021 meeting to Michelle for signatures.

During the April meeting Phil Walholz mentioned he reviewed the cost estimates for dropping the culvert elevations along the Geneva lake segment of the CR 26 Reconstruction Project to help accommodate lake management. The discussion was tabled until the May meeting due to not having a full Board for discussion in April 2021. After discussion at the May 2021 meeting Dave made a motion to keep the elevation of culverts the same seconded by Jon and carried. Jeff abstained.

Dave made a motion to request the DNR to put Fish Barriers in place, seconded by Jon and carried. Jeff Abstained. Steve Lawler will coordinate with Phil regarding this discussion. Jeanine Vorland was also present for the discussion.

Steve Lawler reported from a landowner who said there are several tires in the Creek and would TCWD cover the cost of disposal. Steve will get back to the Landowner.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

***Nancy K. Finley***

Recording Secretary.