

PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

August 17th, 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 were Jeff Wayne, Dan Belshan and Chad Billet-SWCD.

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from July 2021 as presented seconded by Pete and carried.

Correspondence was received from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust once again for the Excellence of Outstanding Loss Ratio for Under 50% for TCWD.

The Treasures' report showed \$259,178.61 in checking and \$ 22,189.65 in savings. Dave made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports ending July 31st.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.	\$11,311.58 (J12 Project Contractor)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$11,025.49 (J12 Project Contractor)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the District:

Verizon Wireless	\$ 54.44
Hill, Larson, & Walth P.A.	\$ 158.00
CliftonLarsonAllan	\$ 2,625.00
Albert Lea Tribune	\$ 143.78(Budget hearing)
Austin Daily Herald	\$ 143.78 (Budget Hearing)
Rinke-Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

At 5:15 P.M. Pete made a motion to suspend the regular meeting for the Proposed Budget hearing seconded by Jeff and carried.

Chair Person Michelle called the Hearing to order for the Proposed Budget hearing for the year of 2022. Nancy verified the publications in the Austin Daily Herald—Mower County and Albert Lea Tribune—Freeborn County. Jon presented the budget figures 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 VanErkel offered the following resolution and moved for it's adoption for the budget of \$ 114,000.00. Whereas, the Managers of the aforesaid district have had a hearing on it's proposed budget for the year 2022, after publication thereof and having heard all persons interested therein, Now therefore be it resolved that the budget herein before proposed and set forth in the published notice thereof, be and Hereby is adopted for the year 2022. The motion was seconded by Dave Vanderploeg. The question was on the adoption of the resolution and the roll being called there were 5 yeas and 0 nays, so the Resolution was adopted on this 17th day of August 2021. Signed by Michelle O'Connor, Chairperson

Nancy will send copies to the Freeborn and Mower County Auditors/Treasurers. .

Pete made a motion to adjourn the hearing and continue the Regular Board meeting seconded aby Jeff and carried.

An application for permit was submitted by Jeff Wayne to tile in SW ¼ section 11 Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty T104N R20W to outlet into private ditch without agreement. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 08-01-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Butler Enterprises, Inc. to tile part of the SW ¼ section 20 Newry Twsp Freeborn Cty T104N R19W to outlet into Wetland Restoration. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Contractor has not been determined at this time. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 08-02-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Mike Ellingson to tile approx. 55,000 ft on 110 acres between existing lines in sections 23 & 24 Riceland Twsp Freeborn cty to outlet into County ditch 24. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 08-03-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Brian Burkard to tile in section 1 Riceland twsp, Freeborn Cty T103N Both adjacent landowners have signed this application. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 08-04-21.

An application for permit was submitted by Glen Jensen to tile in part of the SW ¼ section 26 and part of the NE ¼ section 35 Bath twsp Freeborn Cty R21 to outlet into Wetland Restoration, private open ditch. All adjacent landowners have signed this application. DeCook is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit # 08-05-21.

The public hearing for JD24 redetermination will be held at 4:00 P.M. at Riverland West in Austin room B116 on September 21st, 2021

Following the JD24 redetermination hearing at 4 P.M. the following hearing will be held at 5:15 P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Turtle Creek Watershed District, sitting as Drainage Authority for County Ditch J12, will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on September 21, 2021, at Riverland College in Room B116, located at 1900 8th Avenue NW, Austin, Minnesota 55912. The purpose of the hearing is to review the Engineer's Report to the Drainage Authority, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103E.555, showing that the contract to construct the Improvement to County Ditch J12 is complete. The Engineer's Report has been filed with the Drainage Authority and is available for public inspection at the Freeborn Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Any party objecting to the acceptance of the contract may appear at the hearing and be heard.

Jon distributed copies of the Annual audit of the Financial statements which has been prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for the year ending December 31st,2020. Jon reviewed several areas with the managers, hearing no discussion Jon made a motion to accept the Audit as prepared seconded by Pete and carried. Nancy will forward copies to BWSR to Dave Copeland's attention.

Jon reported he attended the One Watershed One Plan meeting representing both Turtle Creek and the Mower County Soil Service.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary