

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
December 20th, 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, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, James Fett and Att'y Kurt Deter.

Also attending the meeting were Kenneth Muilenburg, Tom Butler, Arlen Schamber, Dave Finley, Mark Behrends, Cody Fox, Pat Martinson, Sandy Tomschin, Kelly Hendrickson, Dave Copeland, Justin Hanson, and Dan Donnelly.

From 4 to 5 PM the Board honored Att'y Kurt Deter with refreshments as this was Kurt's last meeting before retirement. Thank you all who came out on such a cold evening.

At 5 PM the regular Board meeting was called to order.

Dave made a motion to approve the November 2022 minutes as mailed seconded by Jeff and carried.

Correspondence was received from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust Board of Directors to advise the Board the 2022 dividend in the amount of \$172.00 was deposited into TCWD entity's bank. Also the Directors were pleased to give the Watershed a Certificate of Excellence for outstanding loss ratio under 50%.

The Treasures report showed \$ 208,273.34 in checking and \$ 150,179.70 in Money Market. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jeff and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports ending November 30th, 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.	\$ 4,900.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,080.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,240.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,502.50
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 4,627.50
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,722.50
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,810.07

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:

Accurant LLC	\$ 316.00
City of Hollandale	\$ 600.00 (Rent)
Troy Hawkshead	\$ 420.00 (Beaver tails)
City of Austin	\$ 787.50 (Canoe Access)
Cedar River Watershed	\$ 1,985.29(monitoring)
Mower SWCD	\$ 1,219.00(Monitoring/ MAWD training for James)
Maurice Johnson/Bishop Exac.	\$ 5,000.00 (TCWD cost share)
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 300.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 660.00
Michelle O'Connor	\$ 418.72
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 300.00

Peter VanErkel	\$ 300.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00
Nancy Finley	\$ 1,554.44

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

Dave Copeland BWSR Board Conservationist attended the meeting to discuss BWSR's recently funded Clean Water Fund applications. After discussion Jon suggested this discussion be added to the annual workshop topics.

Cody Fox from Mower SWCD attended the meeting to discuss the new climate resiliency grant that is open for small communities. The CRWD was awarded a grant and is in the middle of working on that grant. In short terms, it's an opportunity to look at our landscape and look at what resiliency we have in place and are there any opportunities that we maybe should look for in the future. Developing a plan or revamping an older plan (Barr's from many years ago), may help us realize opportunities that we may have in front of us right now but maybe don't even realize. Several questions were raised when the Managers requested more time to research their questions and would continue the discussion with the work plan in 2023.

Following discussion with Steve Penkava and Pat Martinson Pete made a motion to set the hearing date for the CD#31 Improvement hearing on Tuesday February 21st, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota, motion seconded by Jon and carried. Pat will take send out the notices and do the publications.

Pete made a motion to authorize Tim Ruzek of CRWD to use the remaining \$1962.50 originally encumbered dollars to go toward a sign and landscaping along the highway of the Canoe access seconded by Dave and carried.

Peterson Company LTD submitted a bid for an audit for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2022. The year-end audit fee will be \$4,350.00. Jon made a motion to accept this bid seconded by Pete and carried.

Pete made a motion to hold the annual work shop on Tuesday January 17th, 2023 at 4 P.M. prior to the regular Board meeting to review the 2023 goals and revisit the progress of the 2022 goals that were set. Seconded by Jeff and carried.

Our very best wishes to Att'y Deter in his retirement for Blessings and safe travels where ever the future takes you.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley,
Recording Secretary

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL