

PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

February 15th, 2022

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at 5:00 P.M. at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota. Present were Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Lawler, Steve Penkava, and Att'y Kurt Deter. Jon Erichson and Jeff Ravenhorst were absent.

At 4 :00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting the Managers held their annual planning workshop to discuss the 2022 goals and review the 2021 work plan and progress from the past year. This year additional Clean Water funds will be available through 1W1P for projects. The Board needs to have projects ready to go for implementation, especially in the highly targeted Geneva Lake head slope areas.

There were also maintenance concerns expressed by a property owner at one of the meetings in reference to mowing and controlling weeds in the ditch easements. After lengthy discussion the Managers directed Steve Lawler to discuss this with Att'y Deter regarding what other Watershed Districts have for policies regarding ditch easements.

After discussion on Goal 2 "coordinating a MN CREP education initiative in cooperation with Freeborn and Mower SWCD" Steve Lawler stated he would contact Chad Billat and invite him to attend a monthly meeting to update the Managers on the CREP program.

Each Individual Goal was discussed at which time Steve made additional notes directed by the Managers discussion and will update the 2022 work Plan for the Managers to accept at the March 2022 meeting.

At 5:00 Chair Person Michelle called to order the regular Board meeting.

Pete made a motion to accept the January 2022 minutes as presented seconded by Dave and carried.

The Treasurers report was not available at this time from Hill, Larson, Walth P.A. office.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Pat Martinson Freeborn County Auditor-

Treasure:	Donnelly Law office	\$ 603.17 (J12)
	Patton Hoversten & Berg	\$ 500.00 (bond J7)
	Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,730.00 (J27)
	Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 19,080.00 (J27)
	Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 9,010.00 (J24)
	Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 560.00 (J24)
	Rinke Noonan	\$ 360.00 (J27)

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	\$ 54.23
Mn Counties Intergovern. Trust	\$ 1,485.00
MAWD dues	\$ 3,109.00

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

Pete made a motion to approve and accept the 2021 annual report submitted by Nancy seconded by Dave and carried. Nancy will forward a copy of the annual report and the Financial audit to Dave Copeland BWSR. The annual report is also posted in the Government Center and Mower SWCD will post it on the Internet.

It is time again to request being on the agenda for updating the County Commissioners. Steve Lawler will contact Freeborn County for Dave to attend their meeting and coordinate with Jon for the Mower County meeting.

Steve will coordinate a meeting between the Managers and the Advisory Board to discuss their role as Advisory staff and update them on the policies and procedures of the District.

Steve Lawler distributed copies of the Turtle Creek Canoe access for the Managers.

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

At 5:30 P.M. chairperson Michelle called to order the Preliminary Hearing for Freeborn County J27.

Attending the Hearing in person were Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Lawler, Steve Penkava, Att'y Kurt Deter, Att'y Dan Donnelly, Tom Butler, Mike DeBeau, Dan Parks Elvin Steensma, Mike O'Connor, Todd Hinrichs and Chris Christianson. Attending via Zoom were Jon Erichson, Pat Martinson, Kelly Hendrickson, and Brad Edwin.

Att'y Deter passed out Agenda's to everyone in attendance and explained the purpose of the hearing.

Pat Martinson Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure verified the dates of publication for the notice requirements.

At this time Steve Penkava passed out written copies of the Engineer's Preliminary report for the Repair and Improvement of a separable part to County Dich No J27 Freeborn County, Minnesota and presented a power point on the large screen to include the history, investigation and findings, proposed solution with probably cost, outlet analysis, environmental criteria, right of way required and recommendations.

After Steve's presentation Att'y Deter read the DNR Advisory Report to the group.

At this point the hearing was open to the public for comment and questions. After lengthy discussion and no further questions, the hearing was closed to the public and open for the Managers discussion.

After Managers discussion ceased Pete made the following motion to approve the preliminary Engineer's report stating: 1. The proposed drainage project outlined in the Petition and recommended by the Engineer is feasible. 2. There is necessity for the proposed drainage project. 3. The proposed drainage project will be a public benefit and promote the public health, after considering the environmental land use and multi-purpose water management criteria in Section 103E.015, Subd. 1. And 4. The outlet is adequate. The motion was seconded by Dave. Pete, aye, Dave, aye, Jon, aye (via zoom) Michelle aye. The motion carried.

Dave made a motion to appoint the following Drainage Ditch Viewers for this project: Mark Behrends, Robert M. Hansen and Kendall Langseth, seconded by Pete and carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary