

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO THE MANAGERS APPROVAL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers

Turtle Creek Watershed District

April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

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

Also attending the meeting were Luke Nielson, James Fett and Chad Billat.

At 4:00 before the regular meeting Steve Lawler met Jon Erichson and Dave Vanderploeg for a site visit in Section 21 of Bath Twsp on 310<sup>th</sup> St. to view a large gully that needs attention to reduce sediment load into CD#8.

At 5:00 PM Chairperson Michelle called the regular meeting to order.

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

The Treasurers report showed \$217,046.08 in checking and \$72,190.71 in savings. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial Report ending March 31st, 2022. Jon reported the Audit is in progress with the new firm the Board has hired. There was no other discussion.

A bill was submitted by Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc in the amount of \$1,050.00 for Routine Maintenance. Pete made a motion to approve and forward this bill to Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure seconded by Dave and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

Verizon Wireless	\$ 54.23
Hill,Larson, & Walth P.A.	\$ 316.00
Troy Hawkshead	\$ 300.00 (beaver tails)
Jon Erichson	\$ 668.72
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

Luke Neilson attended the meeting with a permit application for Darlene Borneman. After discussion Pete made a motion that the application would be approved subject to the approval of the County. Mr. Neilson agreed to take the application to have the county sign their approval and return the permit to Pete for further action at the May 2022 meeting.

An application for permit was submitted by Mike DeBeau to tile in SE ¼ section 24 Newry Twsp, Freeborn Cty R19 to outlet into Deer Creek Lateral 3-2. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit #04-01-22

An application for permit was submitted by Chad Johnson to tile in NW 40 acres at intersection of 850<sup>th</sup> Ave and 275<sup>th</sup> St Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty section 1 T103N R20W to outlet into Private open ditch without agreement. Allan Ravenhorst has signed this application as downstream landowner. Mr. Johnson is his own Contractor. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 04-02-22.

An application for permit was submitted by Darwin Lysne to tile in section 26 SW ¼ NE1/4 Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty T103 R20 to outlet into open ditch upstream of CD36. Steven Iverson is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 04-03-22.

An application for permit was submitted for **RENEWAL** for Dale Wicks. Mr. Wicks is his own contractor. Pete made a motion to renew this application seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 04-04-22.

James Fett attended the meeting to discuss Water Monitoring from 2021. He provided a summary including maps of the sites, 2021 Turtle Creek Hydrograph with dates of collection, and physical characteristics baseflow averages to include Rice Lake Branch, Upper Turtle, Deer Creek Branch and Lower Turtle and concluded with the 2021 Observations. James and Steve answered several questions and concerns of the Managers which James stated he would be doing further research on these areas and report back to the Managers.

Chad Billat attended the meeting to update the Board on active conservation projects in the District, projects completed and potentially new projects.

Jon reported he attended the Mower County Commissioners meeting to update them on Turtle Creek and states it was a good meeting. Dave also reported on meeting with the Freeborn County Commissioners and also stated a good meeting which they complemented the Board on their Budget management.

Steve Lawler contacted MnDNR regarding mowing the ditches for recommendations and restrictions.

Steve Lawler reported on the Advisory meeting stating it was held March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 with the entire committee members in attendance. Nancy provided minutes to the Managers after the meeting in March. The Committee agreed to meet again later summer possibly July or August. Steve will coordinate that when the time comes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nancy K. Finley*

Recording Secretary