

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
September 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, James Fett and Att'y Kurt Deter. Steve Penkava was absent. Tom Butler also attended the meeting.

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

Correspondence was received from the Rinke Noonan office announcing Att'y Kurt Deter's retirement at the end of the year. John C Kolb will be Kurt's primary contact successor as attorney with Kale R. Van Bruggen also available in Att'y Kolb's absence. **CONGRATS KURT ON YOUR RETIREMENT** and thank you for the many years of service to Turtle Creek Watershed District.

The Treasures report showed \$248,268.53 in checking and \$72,193.56 in savings. Jon again explained the transition and the issues he has been confronted with however he states the Home Federal account is now set up and Dave and Michelle have both signed on to the account. Jon apologizes for the time factor and reassures the Managers..."We will get there". With this Pete made a motion to accept the report subject to audit, seconded by Dave and carried.

Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports ending August 31st, 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.	\$ 6,493.08 (Knotvold branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,811.70 (Routine Maintenance)

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:

Peterson Company LTD	\$ 4,064.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 300.00
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 300.00
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 300.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 760.00
Nancy Finley	\$ 55.08 (Verizon Reimbursement)
Nancy Finley	\$ 1500.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00

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

A bill was submitted from Jones, Haugh Smith Inc for work in Geneva Twsp in the amount of \$5,753.20, The cost share question was discussed after which Jeff made a motion to table this bill until the October 2022 meeting seconded by Pete and carried.

The application for Barbara O'Connor from the August 2022 meeting was returned with adjacent landowners' signatures obtained. Contactor yet to be determined.

An application for permit was submitted by Brad Nelson to tile in E ½ of SW ¼ section 14 Bath Twsp, Freeborn County R21 to outlet into county tile to J.D #8. Both adjacent landowners have signed this application. Hodgeman Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 09-01-22.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile in Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty section 5 approx. 1500 ft 4-inch tile to outlet into Cty Ditch 12 and 2000 ft 4-inch tile to outlet into Cty #30. T103 R 020. Dan Viktora has signed this application as adjacent landowner. Morreim Drainage is the contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 09-02-22.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile in Freeborn Cty section 6 approx. 6000 ft 4-inch tile to outlet into Cty Ditch 30 T103 R020. Morreim drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 09-03-22.

An application for permit was submitted by Mitch Wenum regarding outfall near intersection of 21st St SW, 22nd St SW and 3rd Ave SW in the City of Austin, Mower county section 4 R 18 for Bridge/culvert replacement to outlet into Turtle Creek City of Austin Storm sewer. City of Austin Sewer Dept is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to approve this application seconded by Dave and carried. Permit # 09-04-22.

Copies of the 2021 Financial statement were distributed at the August 2022 meeting for review, after discussion Pete made a motion to accept the report seconded by Jon and carried.

Jon and Dave were reminded their terms expire in November 2022, Jon has already submitted his request for reappointment, Dave will submit his request before the October meeting.

In the absence of Steve Penkava James distributed copies of the Repair Levy fund showing the fund balance, brush control, current payables, Fall repairs etc. After discussion Pete made a motion to levy \$150,000.00 seconded by Jeff and carried.

Jon and James will get together to address the fallen trees in Turtle Creek and where the priorities are.

James spoke with Benji Bishop, owner of Bishop Excavating, he is still waiting on materials for the Hickory Lake Update and is prepared to begin construction as soon as the materials arrive.

James states the MAWD annual Convention will be held December 1-3, 2022 at Arrowood Conference Center. Registration materials will be released in October. Pete made a motion to authorize 2 Delegates to attend and one Alternate for anyone available to attend, seconded by Dave and carried.

Att’y Deter discussed the Drainage work group meeting on September 8th. The proposal is called “Modernize Public Notice for Drainage Projects and Major Repairs.”

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley,
Recording Secretary