

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
June 18th, 2024

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, and James Fett. Atty John Kolb attended remotely.

Also attending the meeting were Tom Butler, Kelly Hendrickson and Jeanine Vorland.

Peter made a motion to accept the minutes from May 20th, 2024 as presented seconded by Jeff and carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$141,214.28 in checking and \$205,323.09 in money market. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit, seconded by Dave and carried. Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports dated May 31st, 2024. There was no discussion.

Jon reported the draft audit would be available for review at the next months meeting.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Kelly—Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer:

Drainage Ditch Viewers	\$ 1,787.50 (CD-8)
Kendall Langseth	\$ 1,783.42 (JCD 27/ CD31/CD8)
Freeborn Construction	\$ 8,112.03 (McRae Lateral)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 4,860.00 (Routine Maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 1,395.00 (meet w/viewers)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 8,263.45 (Prep of Engineers final report)

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	\$ 179.00
Troy Hawkshead	\$ 120.00 (beaver bounty)
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 300.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 300.00
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 300.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 639.32
Nancy Finley & Verizon	\$ 1,890.84

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

Jeanine attended the meeting and reports Geneva Lake levels increased quite a bit with the recent rains. The lake level is currently about 7 inches over the normal runout for the dam. All stop logs are in place.

The Wo Wacintanka Wildlife Management Area wetland project area plans are being worked on by Board of Soil and Water Wetland Restoration team. The water levels in the proposed restoration area wetland adjacent to private land are planned to provide as much storage as possible. More than one restoration area is planned. Draft plans will be shared with the district as they are being developed. Steve Penkava noted there is a beaver dam on the Deer Creek ditch on the wildlife area that is planned to be removed.

An application for permit was submitted by Glen (Fritz) Jesen to tile in Freeborn County Geneva Twsp NW 19 section 104N T20W to outlet into Geneva Lake. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 06-01-24.

Jon prepared the 2025 proposed administrative budget/levy for review during the July meeting for the August Budget hearing.

Att'y Kolb reported there are going to be Watershed and drainage laws changes coming, he will keep the Managers informed as they happen.

James reported on issues with Nancy's internet service. After discussion with Verizon it was decided to add a wireless hotspot to the Mower SWCD account and bill TCWD monthly for reimbursement. The cost of the device is free with the monthly charge \$39.99 a month plus tax and fees.

James will contact Freeborn County Board to set up a date for Dave's annual update with the Board. Jon will meet with the Mower County Board.

Kelly Hendrickson attended the meeting regarding the hearing for CD #31 Redetermination of Benefits. After discussion Pete made a motion to set the hearing for August 20th 2024 at 5:15 at the Government Center in Hollandale, Minn seconded by Jon and carried. Kelly will take care of the notices.

The Managers discussed downed trees following the recent storms and will deal with them as the issues come up.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley,
Recording Secretary