

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center n Hollandale, Minnesota. Present were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava and James Fett.

5 Minutes into the meeting the Government Center lost power, cell phone flashlights came on and the meeting continued.

Pete made a motion to accept the April 2024 minutes as presented seconded by Jeff and carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$141,614.70 in checking and \$204,893.26 in the money market. Jon made a motion to accept his report subject to audit seconded by Jeff and carried.

Jon distributed the Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. There was no discussion.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 12,107.28
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 16,387.28
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 670.10
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,247.50
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 12,190.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith inc.	\$ 6,045.00

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	\$ 340.00
Nancy Finley (Verizon reimbursement)	\$ 51.42

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

An application for permit was submitted by Don & Stan Olson to tile in Section 15 NW ½ of NE ¼ T103 R019 approx. 15,000 ft. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Hodgman drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 05-01-24.

Pete made a motion to approve ordering new Watershed shirts for the Board from Games People Play. James will place the order, seconded by Jeff and carried.

James reported on internet issues with Nancy's computer. James has verified prices with a customer service rep and suggested setting up a business account for Turtle Creek Watershed District the same as Mower SWCD has. This would be more cost effective with unlimited data. Jon made a motion to authorize James to set this up seconded by Pete and carried.

Mark reported for the ditch viewers that planting is wrapping up so the Board can set up the public hearing for CD #31 Redetermination of Benefits. Steve and James will coordinate with Kelly for the dates that will work for the hearing.

Steve discussed the culvert on Ralph Delegado property that needs to be replaced. Steve is working on this cost estimate and the landowners involved and will keep the Board updated.

Steve will make updated copies of TCWD maps for the Managers and a large updated one for the bulletin board at the Government Center.

Pete made a motion to proceed with the Redetermination of Benefits on County ditches 81 and 30 seconded by Jeff and carried.

The culvert on Cty Road 30 between Wangen and DeBeau was discussed. The Managers suggested the owners attend a Watershed meeting to discuss the options, the permit requirements and the need for the County to be involved. Steve will notify the county regarding this culvert.

James will coordinate with Jon and Dave regarding the annual meeting the Board has with the County Commissioners for updates.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Finley,  
Recording Secretary