

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
June 17th, 2025

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota. Present were Jon Erichson, Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, Steve Penkava, and James Fett. Jeff Ravenhorst and Pete VanErkel were absent. Also attending the meeting was Tom Butler.

Dave made a motion to approve the May 2025 minutes as presented seconded by Jon and carried.

The Treasures report showed \$174,234.86 in checking and \$212,982.69 in CDs. Dave made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried.

The representation letter was received from Peterson company Ltd in connection with the audit of the governmental activities for TCWD as of December 31st, 2024. Jon made a motion to accept this agreement seconded by Dave and carried. Jon and James signed the agreement which James will return the signed copy to Peterson Ltd.

The following bills were submitted to be approved and forwarded to Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure:

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$1650.00 (routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, inc.	\$6270.00 (county ditch #8)

Jon made a motion to approve and forward the bills seconded by Dave and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

Jon Erichson	\$ 817.20
Micelle O'Connor	\$ 655.80
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 375.00
Nancy Finley	\$ 1875.00

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

Tom Butler attended the meeting and asked the board if damages resulting from flow reduction on his ditch project could be assessed to landowners who benefit downstream rather than to the landowners being assessed in the watershed, particularly the landowners incurring the damages. Steve recommended that he consult the attorney representing the petitioners for the project to discuss this matter. The petitioners' attorney could then discuss with TCWD's attorney.

Jon distributed copies of a first draft administrative budget for 2026. Jon asks for the managers to discuss utilizing \$15,000 of the fund balance for a canoe access if they find a good option and \$5000 of the fund balance for looking into water storage project options. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the July 2025 meeting.

James and Steve reports they met with Bret Zimmerman and Cody to go over his XPSWMM modeling results in the locations they picked for stacked hydrograph analysis. Steve handed out the Technical Memorandum for the managers to study. Bret is preparing a final memo and will get back to the board for discussion. The managers suggested a zoom meeting with Bret for further discussion. This will also be on the July agenda for discussion.

James and Dave will arrange to get on the agenda with the Freeborn County Commissioners for the annual update and Jon will schedule the agenda with the Mower County commissioners.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

Recording Secretary