

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
September 17th, 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, Pete VanErkel, James Fett and Steve Penkava. Dave Vanderploeg attended remotely and Atty John Kolb was unable to participate due to lack of internet/data service. Also attending the meeting was Kelly Hendrickson—Freeborn Cty Auditor-Treasure.

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

James reported the only correspondence he received was from Kelly stating the J27 bond was increased.

The Treasurer report showed \$ 175,023.84 in checking and \$ 206,590.08 in the money market. Pete made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried.

Jon distributed the Bank reconciliation and financial reports dated August 2024. There was no discussion.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,989.25 (Routine Maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 6,510.00 (Engineering inspection)
B & W Control Specialists	\$ 7,772.50 (brush control)
Freeborn Construction	\$ 7,225.04 (Deer Creek)
Freeborn Construction	\$ 11,163.06 (Riceland Twsp inlet)
Freeborn Construction	\$ 11,348.23 (Peterson Branch inlet)
Wesley Dahl	\$ 2,530.00 (ditch Viewer)
Robert Hansen	\$ 1,547.22 (ditch Viewer)
Bruce Ness	\$ 742.50 (ditch Viewer)
Kendall Langseth	\$ 1,915.91 (ditch Viewer)
Mark Behrends	\$ 1,131.80 (ditch Viewer)

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:

Accurant LLC	\$ 340.00 (June & July services)
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 200.00
Michelle O'Connor	\$ 644.22
Peter VanErkel	\$ 300.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 671.02
Nancy Finley	\$1800.00

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

An application for permit was submitted by Steven Ladlie to tile in Geneva Twsp Freeborn Cty section 28 T104N 20W approx. 100,000 ft 4-inch tile and approx. 2000 ft of 10 inch main to outlet directly to 24 system.

Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 09-01-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Ryan Wangen to tile East of County Road 30 section 18 S 1/4 T103N R19W Moscow Twsp to outlet into private tile without agreement. Downstream landowner has signed this permit. Hodgeman Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 09-02-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Ryan Wangen to tile SW corner of County Road 30 and 255th St SE1/4 of SE 1/4 section 13 and NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 section 24 Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty T103N R20W to outlet into private tile

without agreement. Downstream landowner has signed this permit. Mr. Wangen is his own contractor. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 09-03-24.

Steve distributed copies of the Repair Levy showing the balance as of 08/31/24 including current payable and planned Fall repairs. After discussion Jon made a motion to set the 2025 proposed repair fund levy at \$125,000.00 seconded by Pete and carried. Nancy will forward copies to both County Auditor-Treasures.

James updated the Managers on the Viktora crossing. Steve invited Cody and Noelle to attend this meeting to further discuss their driveway crossing. They were not present at the meeting. After discussion Jon made a motion to not provide cost share for the replacement of the culvert. However, if requested by the landowner the Board would investigate possible financing options provided by Freeborn County, Pete seconded the motion and carried.

James updated the Managers on a certified letter he sent to Ray Kvalvog inviting him to this meeting. James received a mail return receipt signed by Kathie on 09/04/24 but, has not been contacted at this time from Ray or a representative of the property. The board directed James to attempt contacting the landowner via phone.

Pete made a motion to increase the Rules Violation fine to \$1000.00 from the current one of \$500.00 seconded by Jeff and carried.

Michelle reported she has submitted her letter of interest to Freeborn County for another term on the TCWD Board starting in November 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy K. Finley,
Recording Secretary