

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota. Present were Jeff Ravenhorst, Jon Erichson, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava, James Fett and Chad Billat. Absent were Michelle O'Connor, Dave Vanderploeg, and Att'y John Kolb.

Pete chaired the meeting in Michelle and Dave's absence.

Jeff made a motion to accept the March 2025 minutes as presented seconded by Jon and carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$ 177,444.58 in checking. Jon did not have the financial reports available at this meeting. Jon states he and James have opened a new CD account at the MBT bank.

Jon reported he has received the FEMA payment in the amount of \$58,020.27 and will check with Kelly—Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer for the correct procedure for reimbursing the ditch maintenance fund.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Freeborn County Auditor:

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 606.00 (McRae Lateral)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,062.50 (routine maintenance)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 29.50

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

Troy Hawkshead	\$ 300.00 (beaver tails)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 375.00

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

An application for permit was submitted by John Angell for wetland restoration in section 33 Newry twsp SW 1/4 section 33 Freeborn Cty R19W to outlet into private open ditch. Upstream landowner has signed this application. DeCook is the contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jon and carried. Permit # 04-01-25.

Following last months discussion James reports Bret Zimmerman made the board's requested revisions for the Houston Engineering Hydrological analysis to include specifically the elaboration of section 1 of "Services by Others" and in the compensation section. After discussion Jon made a motion to accept the study seconded by Jeff and carried. Pete signed the document and returned it to James.

James passed out pamphlets from the existing canoe access to the Cedar River along with photos. Discussion followed regarding another canoe access upstream. Jon will contact Brian Sorenson to discuss the possibility of one by his campground and report to the board at the next meeting.

Nancy is having computer issues which James is working on, if the issue continues Jeff made a motion to authorize James to purchase a new computer and set it up for Nancy seconded by Jon and carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley,  
Recording Secretary

*Easter Blessing to All*