

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. Att'y John Kolb attended remotely.

Also attending the meeting were Debbie Majeski-Hollandale City Council and Jeanine Vorland.

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

The Treasurers report showed \$165,032.15 in checking and \$207,726.65 in the money market. Dave made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried. Jon distributed the bank statements and financial reports ending November 2024. After discussion it was decided Jon will not be providing everyone paper copies of the statements and financial reports in the future. They will be available electronically for anyone to view.

Jon stated he met with the financial person at Alerus (formerly Home Federal Savings) and explained the rate of interest difference between the money market and a CD. After discussion Dave made a motion to authorize Jon to transfer \$5,000.00 from the checking account to the money market account and open a CD which renews every 7 months seconded by Pete and carried.

Jon will also add James's name to the account so there are two names on the account.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,680.00 (Freeborn Const-Peterson Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 1,680.00 (Freeborn Const- Deer Creek Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 6,536.15 (Routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 8,370.00 (Federal Disaster)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 389.50

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	\$ 170.00
City of Hollandale	\$ 1,000.00 (annual rent)
CRWD	\$ 1,542.86 (monitoring costs)
Mower SWCD	\$18,456.59 (July-December 2024)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 830.00
Michelle O'Connor	\$ 214.74
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 300.00
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 500.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 300.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 714.32
Nancy Finley	\$ 1,800.00

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

Deb Majeski attended the meeting representing the Hollandale City Council seeking advice on a city tiling project. After discussion Pete ask Att'y Kolb for legal guidance. After discussion the Managers feel this is between landowners and not the Watershed Board. Ms Majeski thanked the Board and stated the Council was just seeking advice.

James and Jeanine addressed the WO Wacintanka wetland restoration and states the DNR submitted a draft JPA for the project. After reviewing with Steve and Att'y Kolb they had questions regarding contract verbiage and clarification of responsibilities. The DNR will make revisions to the draft and resubmit for approval.

James reports he applied for a new Tax ID number and getting UEI#(formerly DUNS) and the registered an account in the SAM US government grant system. We can now get reimbursed from FEMA. James also registered in the SWIFT system for state dollars disbursements for if we decide to move forward with the WO Wacintanka JPA.

Steve has sent out an email to everyone swing the application and surrounding landowners' signatures for the Jensen Wetland Restoration. James will follow up and report at the January meeting.

James has been working with the farm manager for the Ray Kvalvog property. They have gotten 2 of the 4 landowner signatures so far, Steve and James are requiring all surrounding landowners to sign, update at the January meeting.

James provided a copy of the TCWD rules/Policy to each Manager to review as they need to be updated. Att'y Kolb informed the Board they need to review our rules and policy to determine why we have them and if any modifications are necessary. The Managers will schedule a 2 hour workshop which Att'y Kolb will help lead the discussion.

Pete made a motion to set the date and time for the annual workshop at 3:30 PM on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the Hollandale Government center before the regular monthly meeting seconded by Jeff and carried. James will invite the Citizens advisory committee to attend this workshop. Dave will be unavailable in January; Jon will plan to attend remotely.

The TCWD Board has been invited to attend the joint meeting with Mower SWCD /CRWD/TCWD in February. Date and time to be determined. James will notify everyone when Cody sets the date.

Jon made a motion to increase the Managers per Diem according to MN statute to \$125.00 per meeting beginning at the January 2025 meeting seconded by Dave and carried.

Michelle signed her Oath of office for renewing another 3-year term.

Pete made a motion to reinstate the same positions on the Board for the following year, hearing no other nominations, Jeff seconded the motion and it was carried. Chairperson-Michelle, Vice Chairperson-Dave, Secretary-Pete, Treasure-Jon and Manager-Jeff.

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

***Wishing every one a Blessed and happy Christmas***

Respectfully submitted,

***Nancy K. Finley***

Recording Secretary