

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
July 16th, 2024

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

Also attending the meeting were Noelle & Cody Viktora and Sandy Tomschin—Freeborn Co Auditor-Treasure office.

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

The Treasurers report showed \$137,476.12 in checking and \$205,712.14 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 Report dated June 30th 2024. There was no discussion.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,325.00 (routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,480.00 (Prep for Engineers report)
Kendall Langseth	\$ 2,086.62 (Viewer)
Wesley Dahl	\$ 5,830.00 (Viewer)
Rinke Noonan	\$5,262.50 (CD#8)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

Accurant LLC	\$ 170.00
Peterson Company LTD	\$ 5,000.00
Games People Plan	\$ 589.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 1,000.00
Nancy Finley-Verizon reimbursement	\$ 50.97

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

Cody & Noelle Viktora attended the meeting to request advice regarding a private crossing culvert on their property. After discussion the Board directed Steve Penkava to monitor FEMA to see if they qualify for any assistance.

Jon presented the draft copies of the financial audit and pointed out the most important pages, after discussion Pete made a motion to accept the audit seconded by Jon and carried. James will obtain the final copies and Nancy will forward a copy to BWSR.

Jon presented the proposed administrative budget for 2025. After discussion Pete made a motion to set the hearing date for August 20th 2024 at the Government Center in Hollandale, Mn at 5:30 P.M. for \$117,400.00. Nancy will publish the hearing notice in the Austin Dailly Herald—Mower County and Albert Lea Tribune-Freeborn County.

James reminded the Board of the hearing at the August 20th, 2024 meeting for the CD #31 Redetermination of Benefits at 5:15 P.M. during the regular meeting.

The Cedar – Wapsipinicon Watershed will be holding a Conservation Tour to showcase upcoming conservation projects, projects that are under construction, and projects that have been completed using Minnesota's Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) within the Cedar – Wapsipinicon Watershed.

We will be leaving from the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center in Austin (1304 21st St. N.E. Austin, MN 55912) on **Wednesday, August 07, 2024 at 9:00 am, and will return about 12:00 noon with a lunch to be served.** Please wear appropriate attire as we will be in the field and walking to some of the project sites.

To get a head count for vehicles and food, please RSVP to adam.king@dodgeswcd.org by July 31, 2024.
Jon will plan to attend as the TCWD representative. Pete made a motion to pay Per Diem for the Managers that are able to attend seconded by Jon and carried.

James reported on down trees along Turtle Creek and will follow up on them this week with his Intern person.

James distributed the new Turtle Creek Watershed Board shirts to those in attendance.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Sec'y.