

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
October 15<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, Steve Penkava and James Fett. Also attending the meeting were Noelle Viktora, Tom Butler and Tom Beenken.

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

The Treasurers report showed \$171,259.60 in checking and \$207,003.78 in money market. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jeff and carried. The Bank statement and financial reports were not available due to no holiday mail.

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

Bruce Ness	\$1,512.50 (ditch viewer)
Wesley Dahl	\$ 5,905.10 (ditch viewer)
Mark Behrends	\$ 715.00 (ditch viewer)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 6,035.00 (Peterson Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,301.48 (Twin Groves Branch)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 9,977.64 (Deer Creek)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,860.00 (Engineering, inspection)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 6,587.50 (CD#30)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 5,425.00 (Routine Maintenance)

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:

Olson Tree Service	\$ 1,344.00
Merrill Henderson	\$ 250.00 (tree removal)

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

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Beenken to tile in W1/2 NW1/4 section 12 Bancroft Twsp Freeborn County T103N R21W to outlet into private open ditch. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 10-01-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Scrub Stalk Farms LLC to tile 320 acres N1/2 section 23 and SE1/4 section 24 Newry twsp Freeborn Cty R19W to outlet into private tile without agreement, Downstream landowner has signed this application. Darrel Borglum is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 10-02-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Brown to tile 35.83 acres 1/2 to 3/4 South of 251 on 800<sup>th</sup> Ave West side. Richland Twsp Freeborn Cty, section 6 T103 R020 to outlet into Turtle Creek. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 10-03-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Carroll Clausen to tile intersection 26 and 265<sup>th</sup> St Albert Lea twsp Freeborn Cty 25 acres SE1/4 section 8 Riceland Twsp R20W to outlet into county tile along 26. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Morreim Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 10-4-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Carroll Clausen to tile in Section 9 SW1/8 section 9 Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty R20W to outlet into private tile. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Morreim Drainage is the contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 10-5-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Ravenhorst to tile in Moscow Twsp section 7 T 103N Freeborn Cty to outlet into private drainage system. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jon made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Jeff abstained. Permit Number 10-06-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Ravenhorst to tile in Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty ¼ section 12 T103N to outlet into private drainage system. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Jon made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Dave and carried, Jeff abstained. Permit number 10-07-24.

An application for permit was submitted by Mike Ellingson to replace existing tile in crossing 240 St into ditch. Replace outlet, connect old tile, and install inlet. In NE1/4 section 25 T103N R20W Riceland Twsp Freeborn Cty. Mark Morreim is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Jon and carried. Permit number 10-8-24.

Jeanine Vorland attended the meeting to discuss the Wacintanka Wetland Restoration. Jeanine Vorland asked the board for both administrative and financial assistance with wetland restorations in the Wo Wacintanka Wildlife Management Area located a few miles SW of Blooming Prairie in the headwaters of the Deer Creek Watershed. Most of the funding has been secured, but there may be a need for more depending on bids. The board directed James to look into watershed-based implementation funding and asked Jeanine for specifics and a contract regarding administrative assistance.

Jeanine provided an update on the status of Lake Geneva saying that the lake will be drawn down this winter to hopefully induce a winterkill to set back undesirable fish species. This effort would help emergent and submergent aquatic vegetation establish in the lake that would improve water quality and waterfowl habitat.

The Board received a letter from Peterson company LTD acknowledging their appreciation for the opportunity to do the fiscal year audit ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The year end audit fee will be \$5,750.00.

James reported he has not had any response from Ray Kvalvog. After discussion Jon made a motion to direct James to contact Atty Kolb for the direction the Board has regarding Rules Violation, seconded by Dave and carried.

James reported he met with the Freeborn County Board for the annual update and distributed copies of the annual report. The meeting was well received.

Michelle has been reappointed for another 3-year term starting in November 2024.

Steve reports he has been working with FEMA to get more details in the process of receiving more funds, and has a meeting with FEMA scheduled.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Nancy K. Finley*  
Recording Secretary