

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
October 21st, 2025

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.

Also attending the meeting were Scott Thompson, Mark Behrends, Dawn Kaasa—2nd District County Commissioner, and Jeanine Vorland.

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

The Treasurers report showed \$207,994.62 in checking and \$212,982.69 in the CD. Jon made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried.

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

Jones, Haugh & Smith Inc.	\$ 15,277.50 (Mud Creek)
Jones, Haugh, & Smith Inc.	\$ 29,532.91 (Main open ditch)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 1,101.00 (invoice #401954)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 1,396.00 (invoice #401470)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 367.00 (invoice #402104)

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	\$ 187.00
Nationwide	\$ 495.00 (Surety Bond)
Olson Tree Service	\$ 1,974.00
Olson Tree Service	\$ 1,869.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 380.00 (invoice #388365)
Rinke Noonan	\$ 267.00 (invoice #400002)

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

An application for permit was submitted by Scott Thompson to tile on the Christianson Farm section 35 SW Newry Twsp, Freeborn County to outlet into private open ditch. Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Boe Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit #10-01-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Freeborn County Highway Dept to construct a box culvert in section 19 SW Newry Twsp Freeborn County R19W. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Dave and carried. Permit #10-02-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Mary W. Price Trust—Mary Hubbard to tile approx. 2000 ft in section 19 SW T 103 R 19 Moscow Twsp Freeborn County to outlet into private open ditch without agreement. Jensen Excavating is the Contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to grant this application seconded by Pete and carried. Permit #10-03-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Steve Ladlie to tile approx. 7000 ft in section 28 W1/2 SE ¼ T104 R20W in Freeborn County to outlet into private open ditch with agreement. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit #10-04-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Steve Ladlie to tile 1000 ft in section 33 NE ¼ 104N 20W in Freeborn County to outlet into private open ditch. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit #10-05-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Kyle Mehmen to tile in section 29 SW R20W Geneva twsp Freeborn County. Adam Bishop is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to grant this application seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit #10-06-25.

James discussed the new Paid family medical leave and states Cody if looking into this more. James is not sure it will affect the Board members.

James states the state legislature passed changes regarding public meeting law. Board members are now legally able to attend and vote remotely and collect per diem.

Steve provided a map and report to Freeborn SWCD showing all buffers that were inspected this year. There were no violations found. Freeborn SWCD will enter them in the state Buffcat reporting system.

The JPA for wetland restoration on the Wo Wacintanka WMA has been signed by all parties and executed. Steve is working on putting a bid packet together and Jeanine is working on getting the additional signatures the board ask for last month on the permit.

Steve distributed copies of the CD J27 for the managers to review for future discussion. Mark Behrends reports the work is completed for when the hearing dates are set.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recoding Secretary