

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
September 16th 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 Tom Butler, Bryan Holmquist, David Hansen and Jeanine Vorland.

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

The Treasurers report showed \$219,454.12 in checking and \$218,654.45 in the money market which Jon renewed with Alerus for 12 months at 3.9% interest. Dave made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Jon and carried.

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

Patton Hoversten & Berg	\$ 253.00 (bond insurance)
Mark Behrends	\$ 658.00 (ditch viewer)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 9,836.58 (Freeborn Const)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 1,412.50 (Allan Ravenhorst)
Jones, Haugh, Smith Inc.	\$ 2,118.83 (Freeborn const)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,302.50 (Morreim Drainage)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 6,600.00 (Cty ditch #8)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 3,795.00 (routine maintenance)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 9,339.25 (Cy ditch J27)

Jon 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	\$ 187.00
Dave Vanderploeg	\$ 375.00
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 375.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 375.00
Jon Erichson	\$ 767.20
Nancy Finley	\$ 2072.97 (contract plus supplies)

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

An application for permit was submitted by Allan Ravenhorst to tile approx. 40,000 ft of 4-inch tile in section 34 Geneva Twsp T104N to outlet into public drainage system JD 24. Ellingson Drainage is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Jeff abstained. Permit 09-01-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Mike Ellingson to tile approx. 5000 ft in section 25 Freeborn Cty Riceland Twsp R20W to outlet into county ditch. Ellingson drainage is the contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit 09-02-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Peter VanErkel to tile in SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 5 Freeborn Cty Moscow Twsp to outlet into Deer Creek. Boe Bros is the contractor for this project. Jeff made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Pete abstained. Permit 09-03-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Lisa Farnbers to replace old main in section 28 Moscow Twsp Freeborn cty to outlet into private open ditch with agreement. Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Boe Bros is the Contractor for this project. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit 09-04-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Bryan Holmquist to replace old clay main in section 28 Moscow twps. Freeborn Cty R19 to outlet into private open ditch with agreement. Adjacent landowner has signed this application; Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit 09-05-25.

An application for permit was submitted by Steven Oscarson for a Wetland area approx. 6 ft deep 50 ft wide seeding the rest of the field with alfalfa in section 9 Moscow twsp T 103 R019 . Adjacent landowner has signed this application. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Dave and carried. Permit 09-06-25.

Steve distributed copies of the TCWD 2026 repair fund levy showing the fund balance, second half taxes, current payables, planned fall repairs etc. after discussion Pete made a motion to levy \$170,000.00 for the year 2026 seconded by Jeff and carried. Nancy will send copies to both County Auditors.

Pete made a motion to approve the Joint Powers agreement with the State of Minnesota seconded by Jeff and carried.

James reminded Jon that his term is up for renewal in November, Jon will contact the Mower County Board.

Also, James stated with Dave moving out of the boundary of the Watershed District therefore will not be able to renew his appointment in November. James will coordinate with Freeborn County administration to check on this procedure.

David Hansen shared information regarding a mobile disaster response trailer that has many different functions and features. He is spreading the word about his product.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Secretary