

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota at 5:00 PM. Present were Tony Dahl, Jon Erichson, Michelle O'Connor, Jeff Ravenhorst, Peter VanErkel, Steve Penkava and James Fett. Attending remotely were Att'y John Kolb, Howard Butler, and Att'y Dan Donnelly.

Also attending the meeting were Jeanine Vorland and Kyle Dessner—DeCook Drainage.

Pete made a motion to accept the March 2026 minutes as presented seconded by Tony and carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$218,116.11 in the checking account. 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:

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| Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc | \$ 4,534.76 (Freeborn Construction) |
| Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc | \$ 4,725.00 (Routine Maintenance)   |
| Rinke Noonan             | \$ 30.50 (Ditch #30)                |
| Rinke Noonan             | \$ 2,586.00 (J#27)                  |
| Rinke Noonan             | \$ 335.50 (J#27)                    |

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

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| Accurant LLC             | \$ 400.00                                |
| Lance Loverink           | \$ 450.00 (beaver tails)                 |
| Troy Hawkshead           | \$ 450.00 (beaver tails)                 |
| Houston Engineering, Inc | \$ 819.00 (Feb 2026 planning meeting)    |
| Freeborn SWCD            | \$ 174.99 (Buffer Compliance monitoring) |
| Rinke Noonan             | \$ 803.50                                |

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

An application for permit was submitted by Kevin Viktora to tile in section 20 Moscow twsp Freeborn County SW ¼ R 019 approx. 4000 ft. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Mr. Viktora is his own contractor. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 04-01-26.

An application for permit was submitted by Kevin Viktora to tile E1/2 W ½ NW ¼ NE ¼ section 20 Oakland-Moscow twsp Freeborn County R 019 approx. 20,000 ft. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Mr. Viktora is his own contractor. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 04-02-26.

An application for permit was submitted by Ryan Wangen to tile SE corner of intersection CR 30 and 255<sup>th</sup> Street. Moscow Twsp section 18 R 19W to outlet into private tile into Turtle Creek. Approx 6000 ft 4 inch and 500 ft 5 inch. Mr. Wangen is his own contractor. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit #04-03-26.

An application for permit was submitted by Ryan Wangen to tile NE ¼ section 24 Riceland twsp. Freeborn County to outlet into private tile. Downstream landowner has signed this application. Mr. Wangen is his own contractor. Pete made a motion to approve this permit seconded by Jeff and carried. Permit # 04-04-26.

Steve Penkava presented the bids for the Repair and Improvement of county Ditch o J27. After discussion Pete made a motion to follow legal counsel and award the bid to Hodgeman Drainage Co, Inc in the amount of \$457,730.30 seconded by Jon and carried. Steve will send out the contract to be signed.

James reported an update on Wo Wacintanka and securing additional funds needed to complete the project. After discussion Pete made a motion to award the bid to Hodgeman Drainage seconded by Jon and carried.

Discussion was tabled until the May meeting regarding the Citizen's advisory Committee Stipend for guidelines from Att'y Kolb.

The Managers received a draft of the Rules Committee including future items to address with the Board prior to a Final Draft of Rules. The committee will be setting another meeting date for further discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy K. Finley  
Recording Secretary