

Minutes of the meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
June 16th 2026

The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale, Minnesota at 5 P.M. Present were Tony Dahl, Jon Erichson, Jeff Ravenhorst, Steve Penkava and James Fett. Peter VanErkel and Michelle O'Connor were absent.

Jeff chaired the meeting in Michelle's absence.

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

The only correspondence received was from MBT Bank regarding interest rate. Jon made a recommendation to negotiate a rate and have further discussion at the July meeting seconded by Tony and carried.

The Treasurers report showed \$ 231,944.02 in checking. Jon made a motion to accept this subject to audit seconded by Tony and carried.

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

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 112,473.69 (J27 Hodgman Drainage)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 6,735.00 (J27)
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,800.00 (routine maintenance)

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

The following bills were submitted for payment by the district:

Mike DenHerder	\$ 75.00 (Stipend Advisory meeting)
Dean Reed	\$ 75.00 (Stipend Advisory meeting)
Arlen Schamber	\$ 75.00 (Stipend Advisory meeting)
Jeff Ravenhorst	\$ 375.00
Tony Dahl	\$ 671.40
Jon Erichson	\$ 1069.60
Nancy Finley	\$ 1875.00

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

James provided a copy of the Draft audit for the Managers to review, after discussion Jon made a motion to approve and authorize James and Michelle to sign and forward the original copy to the proper authorities seconded by Tony and carried.

Jon distributed copies of the proposed Turtle Creek Administrative budget for 2027. Discussion will follow at the July meeting and a hearing date will be set at that meeting for the August hearing.

James reports he is working to set up a meeting with Lindsay from Freeborn SWCD with Jon, Michelle, the new ditch inspector and other relevant Freeborn SWCD staff to come up with an outreach strategy.

Jon made a motion for James to contact Jeanine to set a meeting date with the Lake Geneva Advisory Committee seconded by Tony and carried.

James is planning a brainstorming meeting with Bret Zimmerman and Steve Penkava regarding any potential grant opportunities and what it would cost to do more modeling to help with project targeting that we were hoping to get with our climate resiliency application that was denied.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy K. Finley
Recording Secretary