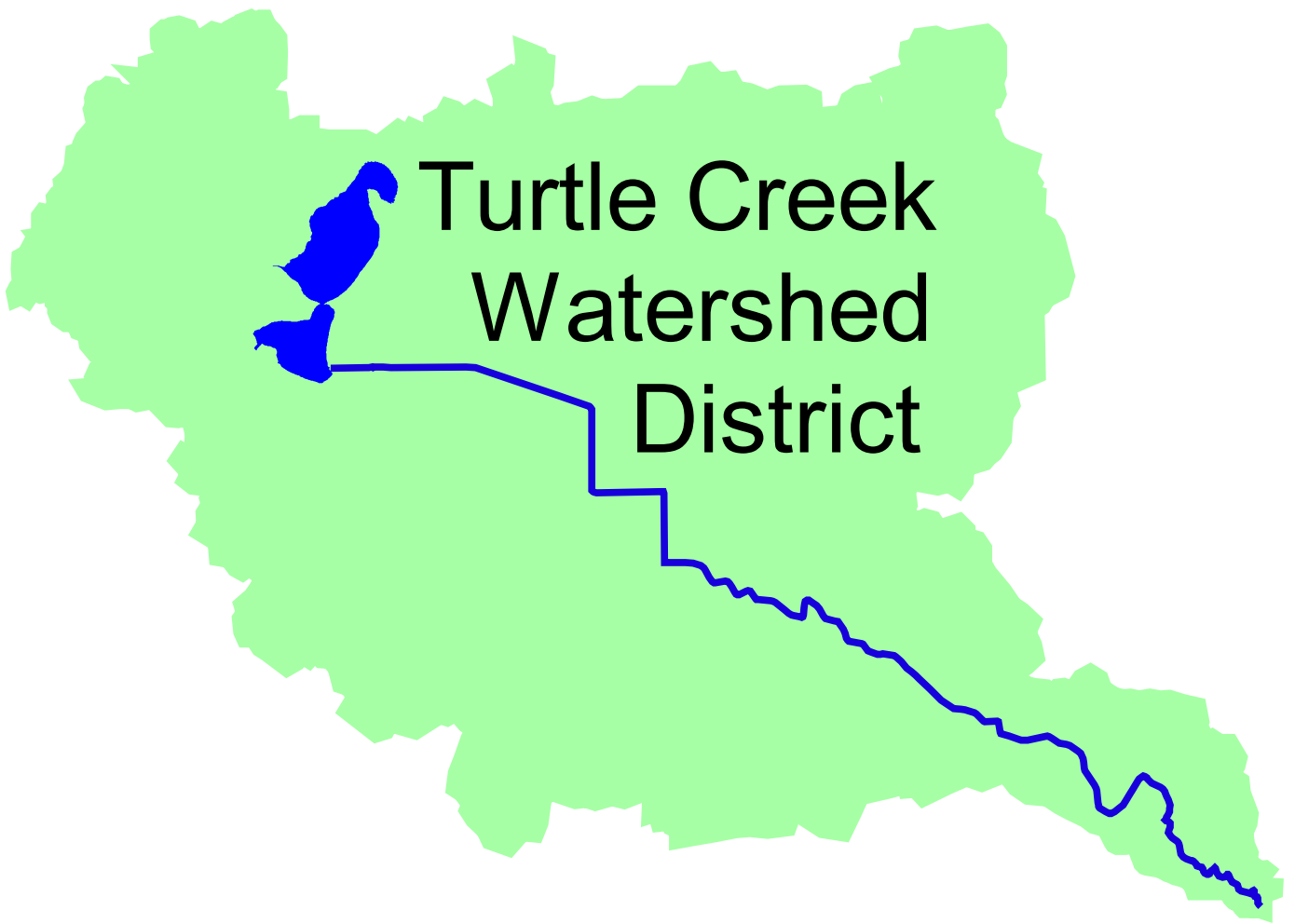


2007 Annual Report



Turtle Creek Watershed District

Established: November 14th, 1968

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The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers held 12 regular meetings during the year of 2007.

There were 72 permit applications approved during the year as follows: 60 tiling permits, 8 to clean ditch, 1 to relocate a 4 inch Natural gas distribution main, 1 wetland restoration, 1 wetland restoration renewal and 1 for a pond.

The 2008 budget was set at \$98,000.00. The following is a copy of the budget:

Lawyer	\$ 12,000.00
Nancy Finley & SMIG	\$ 3,600.00
Managers	\$ 7,000.00
Jones & Haugh	\$ 12,000.00
Mower SWCD	\$ 9,600.00
Audit	\$ 3,500.00
Viewers Assoc & MAWD dues	\$ 2,125.00
Insurance	\$ 3,700.00
Advert. & Postage	\$ 2,000.00
Rent	\$ 600.00
Water Monitoring & water plan	\$ 10,000.00
Incentives, Cost share & Invest.	\$ 30,000.00
Tree Removal	\$ 1,500.00
Beaver Tails	\$ 375.00
Total proposed budget	\$ 98,000.00

At the November 2006 meeting, Bev Nordby reported Mower SWCD has been selected to be the recipient of the 2006 District Excellence Award. This is a national award that 8 districts receive annually in different program areas. Mower County's area was Agricultural lands Resources. Bev attended the national convention in Los Angeles, California to receive the award.

Beginning in December 2006 the meeting place was changed from the Moscow Town Hall back to Hollandale, Minnesota to the new Government Center. Same day and time as previous meeting have been held.

At the December 2006 meeting Lee Ganske and Tiffany Schauls made a presentation on the results of the water monitoring at Hyland Bridge, Sec. 13 Lansing Township, as well as Matt Taylor and Justin Hansen, SWCD office, participated in the discussion of water monitoring. They will make a complete report for the Board files.

Don Flatness, Freeborn NRCS/SWCD office attended the February 2007 meeting to discuss the Wayne Miller Project. Pete made a motion for TCWD to commit up to \$15,000.00 for monies that EQIP doesn't cover, with a 50/50 split with the administration fund and repair fund with NRCS on water equality on this project to alleviate this problem seconded by Gerald and carried.

A copy of an Agreement for Secretarial Services between Turtle Creek Watershed District and Nancy Finley was reviewed by Attorney Kurt Deter at the February 2007 meeting. Gerald made a motion to accept this contract seconded by Pete and carried.

Bev completed the Policy Handbook according to changes by the Managers and made notebooks for Board members to keep updated with current policies and procedures for the future.

At the February 2007 meeting Steve Penkava, Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. discussed the Water Monitoring Program, how many sites and the number of samples that are recommended. Arlen made a motion to sample 3 sites and propose \$10,000.00 for 20 trips each site for the 2007 season, seconded by Gerald and carried.

At the March meeting Attorney Kurt Deter presented a draft letter for the landowners on the Watershed District policy on grass strips. After discussion and minor rewording adjustments Gerald made a motion to mail out the letter to all landowners on TCWD acquired grass strip on #24, seconded by Michelle and carried.

Dan Donnelly—Donnelly Law Firm in Austin, attended the meeting in April 2007 to represent a group of land owners to discuss the correct procedure for new ditches, laterals, and extensions.

At the June 2007 meeting a motion was made and seconded to hire Hill, Larson, Walth, & Benda, P.A. Certified Public Accounts in Austin, Mn. for accounting the books for the upcoming year.

Also at the June meeting a motion was made and seconded to name the flood retention project Barr #13 “Riceland Wetland Restoration” With credit given to the proper agencies and cooperatives, Hereafter Barr #13 will be referred to as : “Riceland Wetland Restoration”.

At the August 2007 meeting at 0800 PM the proposed budget hearing was held according to statute and legal publication. The approve budget figures are at the beginning of this report.

Attorney Dan Donnelly was present to represent the group of landowners with the Deer Creek Lateral. Mr. Donnelly filed the petition and bond with signatures to the Managers. Att’y Kurt Deter acknowledged the petition, requested that Nancy sign and date the petition being presented to the Board. The Engineer was appointed and the petition went to Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure Dennis Distad to verify signatures and keep in his office for reference.

The Mower SWCD has hired a web site designer to develop a basic web site. At the September 2007 meeting a motion was made and seconded to approve \$350.00 and authorize Bev Nordby to develop the site for the Turtle Creek Watershed District.

At the September 2007 meeting a motion was made and seconded to levy \$100,000.00 for the JD #24 Repair fund.

At the September 2007 meeting Dennis Distad, Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure organized a group of Viewers to attend the meeting and explain the viewing process, how they coordinate the facts and figures with the assistance of the Engineer and County Auditor. They explained the different soil types and how they are graded, explained their visits with each land owner at least twice during the process so any questions can be cleared up and answered before the public hearing.

At the October 2007 meeting Steve and Jeanine reported on Ducks Unlimited project for Geneva Lake Fish Barrier in cooperation with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Ducks Unlimited Plan on Lake Geneva as proposed and provide drawings to the Turtle Creek Watershed Board after the project is completed.

Bev submitted a map of the Barr 4 site for CREP in Lansing Township section 32. She states this 38.1 wetland restoration has some excellent opportunity for storage.

At the November 2007 meeting Pete and Bev reported on the Legislative tour in TCWD. Jeanne from Mower SWCD put together an outstanding handout of the committee and Pete was the spokesman for the history of the Hollandale area, the topography and flooding challenges. A sub committee of the House came down and toured some sites including Geneva Lake drawdown, (DNR), Riceland Wetland Restoration project (CREP) Flooding challenges in the Turtle creek Watershed and Cedar River Watershed drainage and Buffer discussion with Dennis Distad, Freeborn County Auditor, and Erosion Control project (NRCS)in Moscow. Bev and Pete both report it was very successful and the state representatives seemed to be very interested and ask a lot of questions.

Also at the November 2007 meeting Matt Taylor—Mower SWCD gave a presentation on TMDL process. Bev explained TMDL for Turbidity Draft work plan if the Managers are interested. A motion was made and seconded to enter into an agreement for Bev to prepare a memorandum for the Board to present.

At the December 2007 meeting a motion was made and seconded to renew an agreement contract for Administrative services between Turtle Creek Watershed and the Mower Soil and Water Conservation District.

Tom Wenzel and Tony Reali attended the December 2007 meeting to discuss the John Goetz Wetland restoration. Also they wished to discuss the Krueger property. Dave Peterson is working with BWSR staff in St Paul regarding the possibility of getting this 6 acre property into the RIM program.

Jeanine Vorland attended several meetings through out the year to keep the Board up dated on Geneva Lake and Ducks Unlimited.

Emily Hutchins has created and mailed out several newsletters and is working on another one to be mailed early in 2008.

Steve Penkava—Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. attended each monthly meeting to keep the managers aware of monitoring progress, the repair fund and answer any Engineering questions on permits, projects, and/or other concerns that he is working with.

Many area landowners have attended several meetings with permit applications, questions on statute requirements and concerns or recommendations from the Board of Managers on various projects.

The Board will now start their fiscal year in January starting with January 1st, 2008.

This concludes the annual report for the year 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K. Finley

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Recording Secretary

Turtle Creek Watershed District

The following Officers for 2008 were elected:

Chairperson	Michelle Miller
Vice Chairman	Peter Van Erkel
Treasure	Arlen Schamber
Secretary	Gerald Edwards
Manager	Thomas Butler

Turtle Creek Watershed District Advisory Committee elected March 1994:

Larry Reynen	Hollandale, Mn. 56045
Allen Ravenhorst	Hollandale, Mn. 56045
Barry Hoffman	Hollandale, Mn. 56045
Dean Reed	Hollandale, Mn. 56045
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