

**Agenda**  
**Turtle Creek Watershed District**  
**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Hollandale Government Center**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
  - a. Minutes
  - b. Correspondence
- III. Treasure's Report
  - a. Financial Report for Month
- IV. Action Items/Discussion items
  - a. SWCD/TCWD Partnership
  - b. 2010 Levy
  - c. Wayne Miller Cost-Share
- V. Attorney Report—Kurt Deter
- VI. Administrative Report—Justin Hanson
  - a. BARR #2 and RIM/WRP
  - b. Other
- VII. Watershed Engineer Report—Steve Penkava
  - a. Geneva Township Permit
- VIII DNR Report—Jeanine
  - a. Geneva Lake Meeting
- IX. Manager Reports
  - a. President Report
  - b. Other Reports
- X. Pubic Input
- XI Permit Applications
- XII Claims



# Turtle Creek Watershed District



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## Board of Managers

Michelle Miller  
*President*

Peter VanErkel  
*Vice President*

Gerald Edwards  
*Secretary*

Arlen Schamber  
*Treasurer*

Tom Butler  
*Manager*

## Recording Secretary

Nancy Finley

## Administrative Services

Justin Hanson  
Mower SWCD  
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## Administrative Staff Report July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

### Levy

The levy is set in September. I thought it would be good to start the discussion this month. I will bring some ideas of potential projects. If there are any ideas the board would like to discuss, we can talk about it Tuesday night.

### Legal Boundary

I got a map from JHS of the legal watershed boundary and attached it to a letter for BWSR. The letter informed them that the district has changed the jurisdictional boundary and has incorporated it into the ten year plan. The letter was sent to our local Board Conservationist, Chris Hughes.

### BARR #2

I drafted up a letter for the three BARR #2 landowners who did not sign-up for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). The letter gives them general information about the wetland banking program and informs them that there is a need in our area for a wetland banking site. Wetland banking is much different than the typical farm programs that pay cost share and give landowners the money up-front. Banking is entrepreneurial in nature and has a certain level of financial risk if the wetland does not restore or the credits are not sold. However, these sites have great wetland restoration potential and there is almost no banking credits in the area.

### RIM/WRP

The State and Feds are working on sorting through the applications that were submitted. I believe that most of the work is complete on this. We've been told that any application with a score of over "70" would be accepted. I spoke with Tony and it looks like all the sites in BARR #2 would score high enough for funding, even without the special funding. They are hoping to officially announce the funded projects within the next month.

### Wayne Miller Project

I worked with Steve Penkava on the fencing bills related to the Wayne Miller Project. NRCS has currently paid \$144,000 towards this project with no out of pocket expense to Mr. Miller. They only had \$630 dollars left over. This has been paid out to Mr. Miller. The contractor, Freeborn Construction, submitted a bill for \$11,752. Steve will make a recommendation to the board on whether this rate should be paid. The District budgeted \$15,000 towards costs associated with the project.

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers  
Turtle Creek Watershed District  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*The Turtle Creek Watershed Board of Managers met at the Government Center in Hollandale Minnesota at 0700 PM. Present were Tom Butler, Michelle Miller, Peter VanErkel, Arlen Schamber, Gerald Edwards, and Att'y Kurt Deter.*

*Also attending the meeting were Justin Hanson, Phil Tennis, and Larry and Karen Ebert. Steve Penkava was absent.*

*The Minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved with a motion from Gerald seconded by Arlen and carried.*

*Correspondence was received from Mn Joint Underwriting Association verifying the cancellation policy effective Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Arlen signed the endorsement, Nancy will return in the mail.*

*The Treasure's report showed \$22,035.95 in savings and \$38,908.32 in checking. Arlen made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Pete and carried. Arlen distributed the Financial Report for May 31st, 2009; there was no discrepancy or discussion.*

*A bill was submitted by Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. for FEMA Project No. 08-12 in the amount of \$10,324.22, Tom made a motion to table this bill until Steve is present at the next meeting seconded by Pete and carried.*

*Att'y Deter spoke with Travis at BWSR who advised Kurt to have the new maps put in the 10 year Water Plan for the amended boundaries and forward to Chris Hughes.*

*Larry and Karen Ebert attended the meeting to request information on permits for a Pond on their land in a pasture, at this time due to an active law suit the Board takes no action on this issue.*

*Justin reported that Troy Farr had trapped 2 beaver on County Ditch #8 West of Geneva Lake, Tom made a motion to pay Mr. Farr for the beavers seconded by Pete and carried.*

*Justin reported the preliminary plans for the Riceland Restoration are with the SWCD including the changes the Board requested on the tile setbacks. SWCD is planning a meeting with all the landowners over the next few weeks to discuss the project and the next steps.*

*Phil Tennis reported on the One Rod grass strip issue with Harold Lunde, Phil done extensive research on this back issue and has explained the viewing and procedure to Mr. Lunde and reports the issue is resolved.*

*Tom and Justin attended the LIDAR applications meeting in Rochester on June 4<sup>th</sup>, they report it was a good presentation from public and private entites which are using LIDAR around Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakota's.*

*MPCA is working in Biological Monitoring in the Cedar and Shell Rock Watersheds. Justin distributed colored maps with the sites and discussed the different kinds of monitoring. MPCA is inviting interested people to stop by at their sites and see how the bio monitoring is done. Justin suggested having Bill Thompson discuss the TMDL in the basin and some of the monitoring that is going on, Michelle suggested Mr. Thompson put a summary together and forward to the Managers for their discussion. Justin will request this from Mr. Thompson.*

*Justin reports the fencing on the Wayne Miller property is completed, the cost came back higher than the Managers felt was previously discussed. The Managers will have Steve review the project and the bill at the next meeting.*

Justin will follow up with Jeanine on the meeting for Geneva Lake to verify if the date and place has been established.

There were no permit applications submitted at this month's meeting.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Dennis Distad:

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 8,754.74
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,500.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 2,735.08

Gerald made a motion to approve and forward these bills seconded by Pete and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the Watershed:

Mower SWCD	\$ 71.26
Troy Farr	\$ 50.00
Hill, Larson, Walth, Benda PA	\$ 130.00
Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc.	\$ 1,247.27
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 225.00
Arlen Schamber	\$ 306.05
Gerald Edwards	\$ 225.00
Nancy Finley	\$ 908.78

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

Pete made a motion to authorize Nancy to get an estimate for Internet service of DSL through Qwest for \$50.00 per month seconded by Gerald and carried.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Gerald and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald Edwards,  
nkf

Gerald Edwards, Sec'y  
GE/nkf