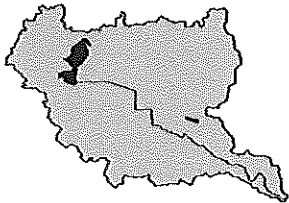


Agenda
Turtle Creek Watershed District
Tuesday, April 20th, 2010
7:00 PM
Hollandale Fire Station
Note the Change In Location

- 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. Goetz Restoration
 - b. Facilitation of Riceland
 - c. Geneva Lake Watershed Project
 - d. Other
- V. Attorney Report—Kurt Deter
- VI. Administrative Report—Justin Hanson
 - a. Tour Date
 - b. Insurance Risk Assessment
 - c. Other
- VII. Watershed Engineer Report—Steve Penkava
 - a. Deer Creek Landowner Meeting
 - b. Other
- VIII DNR Report—Jeanine
 - a. Geneva Lake Fish Kill and Future Plans
- IX. Manager Reports
 - a. President Report
 - b. Other Reports
- X. Public Input
- XI Permit Applications
- XII Claims



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Administrative Services Report April 2010

Wetland Restoration Workshop

Tom Wenzel came down and met with the board to provide a summary of restoration projects in the watershed. Jim Luniewski and Terry Ragan are other BWSR staff that attended the meeting and will be working on the design aspect of the project. It appears that the cost-share needs for the Arlo Scheevel project will be covered by program funds and other grant funds. However the costs for Riceland will potentially be tight with program funds. The Scheevel funding could be used to off-set the Riceland project, should contingencies push it over the present cost-estimate.

Riceland

I spoke with the SWCD staff about the Turtle Creek's role on Riceland. I explained that the board will discuss taking on a facilitation role. There was some questions over the roles and responsibilities of all the groups and individuals involved. I explained that the SWCD is still the project manager and provides oversight of the project, along with BWSR engineering staff. If the board would take on a facilitation role, it would function more in the landowner role of the process.

RIM/WRP

I've posted the Township rates for the RIM/WRP sign-up on the web page. I've been working on putting some information together to go out and discuss the Geneva Lake projects. The Sign-up ends May 21st. It appears one of the projects would fit pretty good for restoration. I'll have more for you and the meeting.

Summer Tour

At the last meeting we discussed a summer tour to talk about the on-going projects and construction. We were going to set a date early to start preparing. I think it would be best to hold off for a while and coordinate the date with SWCD staff when we know when construction will begin.

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
March 16th, 2010*

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

Also attending the meeting were Chris Christianson, Bob Hansen, Mark Behrends, Henry Oldenkamp, Phil Tennis, Irene and Don Jones, Chris Hansen, Verdelle Hansen, Jesse Larson, and Wayne Hansen.

The Minutes from February 16th, 2010 were approved with a motion from Pete seconded by Tom and carried.

The Treasurer report showed \$124,690.82 in checking and \$22,044.23 in savings. Arlen made a motion for approval subject to audit seconded by Gerald and carried. Arlen distributed the Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation for Feb. 28th, 2010. There was no discussion.

Tom made a motion for Arlen and Michelle to sign the letter for audit of financial statements and forward to Dennis Distad—Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure to sign and return to LarsonAllen LLP seconded by Pete. Nancy will forward to Dennis.

Viewers Chris Christianson, Bob Hansen, and Mark Behrends attended the meeting to verify questions with the Board of Managers and inform the Managers that they had sent out a letter to landowners notifying them of the Privacy Laws and request the landowners to provide them with their information regarding land enrolled in government programs. Gerald made a motion to approve the Viewers to have an informational meeting for the landowners to present their process and answer any questions they have seconded by Pete and carried.

Justin discussed the possibilities of having a summer tour asking the Managers to think about this, give him their input of what they felt would be the most beneficial projects to include, how they should advertise and any specific legislative people to include. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Att'y Deter drafted an Order Transferring Funds from Improvement Project to Repair Fund on JD #24.

Pete made a motion Whereas, in 1995, an Improvement Project on JD # 24 was established, and Whereas, as part of the funding of the Improvement Project, Bonds were sold by Freeborn County, and Whereas, the 15 year payment period has ended and all Bonds have been paid off; and Whereas, the Freeborn County Auditor has notified the Turtle Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, as Drainage Authority of JD#24 that there is a surplus in the Improvement Fund of Approximately \$235,268.75 and Whereas, it is in the best interests of the landowners on JD#24 for the continued maintenance of the Improvement of JD#24 and to maintain the efficiency of the JD#24 system to transfer these funds to the Repair Fund.

Now Therefore, it is ordered by the Turtle Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, as Drainage Authority for Freeborn-Mower JD#24, that the remaining amount in the Improvement Fund of approximately \$235,268.75 is to be transferred to the Repair Fund for future maintenance of JD#24.

This motion was seconded by Gerald and carried. Dated this 16th day of March 2010. Nancy will send this signed copy to Dennis Distad Freeborn County Auditor.

Kurt handed out and discussed a summary of the drainage work group that has been meeting since 2006 for the purposes to Foster science-based mutual understandings regarding drainage topics and issues and develop consensus recommendations for drainage system management and related water management, including recommendations for updating Chapter 103E drainage law and other provisions.

Kurt drafted a resolution of Intent to Record Freeborn-Mower Joint County Ditch #24 consisting of subsurface drain tile and open ditches. He advised the Managers to review this draft for discussion at a future meeting.

Justin report included the preliminary plans for the Scheevel's restoration and stated it would be done this summer. Reminded the Managers of the Workshop March 30th that Tom Wenzel will be attending., and an update on the I-90 bridge over Turtle Creek .

Justin discussed doing a display at the Freeborn and Mower County fair this summer in connection with the SWCD area. This would be informative and give an update to the public the accomplishments of the Watershed.

Justin also informed the Board on the Healthy Watershed Initiative and Conservation Reserve Program.

Chris and Verdelle Hansen from Hansen Farms attended the meeting seeking advice for their possible actions of a neighbor's water overtopping onto their property. After lengthy discussion about facts and history Att'y Deter explained that the TCWD has no authority being it is a dispute between landowners.

Steve reported there was no update on the Water Monitoring and the ditch survey will be finished this Spring.

Steve presented maps and discussed the Geneva Lake Study update. After discussion Arlen made a motion to table this discussion until they meet with Tom Wenzel on March 30th, seconded by Gerald and carried.

Gerald notified the Board that the April 20th 2010 meeting would be held two doors down from the Government Building at the Fire Station due to a conflict of interest with the Government Building being occupied. A note will also be posted on the door the day of the meeting.

Arlen made a motion for two corrections on the annual report in the budget figures to be adjusted then moved to accept the report seconded by Gerald and carried. Nancy will correct and mail to the County Auditors and Board of Soil and Water.

Tom made a motion to invite Jeanine Vorland to the April 20th, 2010 meeting for a status update of Geneva Lake over the winter and what the plan of action is this Spring, seconded by Arlen and carried. Justin will send the invitation to Jeanine.

An application for permit was submitted by Henry Oldenkamp to tile in Moscow Twsp Sec. 28 Freeborn County, approximately 11,030 ft of 4 inch tile on 15 acres. Brian Holmquist has signed the permit. Tom made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit number 03-01-10.

An application for permit was submitted by Henry Oldenkamp to tile in Moscow Twsp Section 29 Freeborn county approximately 22,500 ft of 4 inch, 180 ft of 5 inch and 950 ft of 6 inch on 30 acres to outlet into private ditch with agreement. Tom made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit number 03-02-10.

The following bills were submitted for approval to be forwarded to Dennis Distad, Freeborn County Auditor:

Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc	\$ 4,000.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 1,343.50
Daniel T. Donnelly	\$ 2,437.41

Arlen made a motion to approve and forward the bills seconded by Gerald and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the Watershed:

Verizon Wireless	\$ 102.54
Mn Assoc. of Watersheds	\$ 2,500.00
Hill, Larson, Walth & Benda	\$ 130.00
Rinke Noonan	\$ 950.00
Gerald Edwards	\$ 250.00
Peter VanErkel	\$ 250.00
Thomas Butler	\$ 497.97
Michelle Miller	\$ 167.68
Arlen Schamber	\$ 401.40
Nancy Finley	\$1,040.43

Gerald made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Tom and carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Edwards,
nkf

Gerald Edwards, Sec'y
GE/nkf