

Agenda
Turtle Creek Watershed District
Tuesday, May 19th, 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. BARR #2
 - b. Budget Discussion for August Hearing
- V. Attorney Report—Kurt Deter
- VI. Administrative Report—Justin Hanson
 - a. Miller Project
 - b. Restoration Update
- VII. Watershed Engineer Report—Steve Penkava
 - a. Riceland Engineering Plan (Phase I)
 - b. Kuhn Ditch Inspection
 - c. I 90 Bridge Update
 - d. Other
- VIII DNR Report—Jeanine
 - a. Geneva Lake
- IX. Manager Reports
 - a. President Report
 - b. Other Reports
- X. Pubic Input
- XI Permit Applications
- XII Claims



Administrative Staff Report

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BARR #2

A landowner meeting was held on May 12th to discuss the BARR 2 project with landowners who may be affected by the project. The meeting was held in the Newry Town Hall and 6 of the 8 potential participants were in attendance. Steve provided a presentation on program and discussed the Riceland project as an example of what could be done. Tony Reali attended and offered up sign-up and program information. There was very good discussion. It is unclear at this point whether the entire project area will make it to the construction phase. But it appears that all the landowners will be scheduling a meeting with Tony for an initial sign-up. Enrollment decisions are likely once more information can be gathered about the amount of land that would be needed and the overall scope of the project is better defined. This will likely happen sometime in mid summer.

RIM/WRP

Tony Reali is anticipating 9 RIM/WRP sign-ups in the Turtle Creek Watershed. This does not include the projects that may be included if the BARR sites come in. These projects have an excellent chance of being funded, due to the legislative appropriation of 2 million dollars for the Cedar River Basin. There was still approximately 1.3 million left over from the previous sign-up. If the project dollars exceed the appropriation money, they may still be enrolled in the program. However, they would have to compete with other the rankings of other projects around the state. Sign up ends June 5th.

Riceland Restoration

I spoke with Tom Wenzel in regards to the Riceland Wetland Restoration Project. He has sent out the preliminary plans for Phase One of the restoration project. Steve Penkava will be reviewing the plans, so the board will be in a position to approve a restoration permit. This is only Phase I of the project and the plans appear to be pretty straight forward. Phase I is scheduled to be completed this year and the plans are in the works for the Phase II structural work. NRCS is continuing to work on the structural design.

Miller Project

Ed Moffett, from the Freeborn NRCS said that the Miller fencing project is still in the works. Mr. Miller was unable to complete the fencing project last fall, due to extenuating circumstances. However, he is working with a contractor and the Freeborn NRCS to complete the project in the near future.

Getting Up To Speed

I met this month with Dennis Distad, Phil Tennis and Pat Martinson to get acclimated a little better with how the Watershed District does business. They were very helpful and I appreciate them taking the time to answer a slew of questions. It was good information and interesting history on the ditch systems. There will likely be questions down the road, but I think I'm getting a feel for how District works.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Managers
Turtle Creek Watershed District
April 21st, 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 Atty Kurt Deter.

Also attending the meeting were Justin Hanson, Jeanine Vorland, Lee Loverink, Dennis Kuhn, Tom Beenken, and Tom O'Connor. Steve Penkava was absent.

Minutes from March 2009 were approved with a motion from Arlen seconded by Tom and carried.

Correspondence was received from the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts including a guidebook publication to inform Minnesota residents about the recent activities of Watershed Districts. The Turtle Creek section includes pictures of the new Dam on Geneva Lake partnering with Ducks Unlimited, Freeborn County, DNR and the Izaak Walton League and the Aluminum toe wall structure that NRCS engineered.

The Treasures report showed \$22,034.12 in savings and \$76,585.45 in checking. Arlen made a motion to accept this report subject to audit seconded by Tom and carried. Arlen distributed the Bank Reconciliation and the financial reports ending March 31st, 2009 and brought up a question on the fencing project for Wayne Miller and where the Board stands with the \$15,000.00 reserve. Justin will check with Bev and report back to the Managers at the May meeting.

Justin checked with Tom Wenzel for an update on the Riceland project plans. He is anticipating the Phase I plans will be completed and ready the last week of April. He is coordinating the Phase II discussion with NRCS engineers. They want to have an On-Site meeting soon to discuss and review the design of the outlet structure.

Att'y Deter reported he was in East Grand Forts during the Fargo flooding, he was impressed with the flood wall structure and how effective it worked during the floods.

Justin and Michelle reported on Barr #2, Michelle contacted Jon Erichson recently to discuss options for utilizing the land identified in the BARR report for flood reduction. Justin and Jon spent time driving around the BARR #2 site getting acclimated with it and discussed what it would take to get a project plan put together and on the ground.

Justin ask the Managers to be thinking about drafting a list of potential priority projects that may be available for the amendment money to have ready if funding is made available.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is taking applications for the 2009 signup. This is a good year for EQIP customers because the cost share contribution will be 75%, up from the 50% over the past years. Funding covers a wide variety of conservation practices including grass waterways, sediment control basins, nutrient management, conservation tillage and many other practices. No date has been set for the funding yet.

Gerald, Jeanine and Steve met with the DNR on proposed water management strategies for Geneva Lake. Jeanine presented a draft which included a Summary, Background, and Proposed Lake Management strategies which was discussed by the Managers. Jeanine will plan to have a meeting in June with the Advisory Board and is hoping to have a newsletter out again by Mid May. Gerald felt the next step after that would be to talk to the Homeowners.

Steve was not present at the meeting however he sent a draft of the Permit applications he proposed to put on the Web asking the Managers for their approval, changes, or additions. The Managers felt it included adequate information to try this format,if changes need to be made at a future time it could be revisited.

Justin will follow up with Dennis and Steve on the Harold Lunde inquire from last month to verify if Mr. Lunde had already received his monies that are in question.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Beenken to tile in Bancroft NE ¼ Sec. 1 Freeborn Cty 103N to outlet into private tile, approx. 15,000 ft of 4 inch tile. Pete made a motion to grant this permit subject to the signature of Jim Ladlie as downstream landowner, seconded by Tom and carried. Permit number 04-01-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Beenken to tile in Geneva Twsp, Freeborn Cty Sec 33 & 34 E ½ E ½ SE ¼ approx. 2000 ft with 5 inch sock to outlet into County tile. Al Ravenhorst has signed this permit as downstream landowner. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Tom and carried. Permit number 04-02-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Beenken to tile in Bancroft Sec. 12 Freeborn Cty N ½ NE ¼ R 103 21 approx. 5000 ft of 4 inch tile to outlet into JD 30, private tile with agreement. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Tom and carried. Permit number 04-03-09.

An application for a permit was submitted by Tom Beenken to tile in Bancroft Sec. 2 Freeborn Cty W ½ SE ¼ R 102N R 21 approx. 800 ft of 8 inch, 1200 ft of 6 inch and 22,000 ft of 4 inch tile to outlet into JD 30 private tile with agreement. Keith Keiters signed permit as downstream landowner. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Tom and carried. Permit number 04-04-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Tom Beenken to tile in Riceland Twsp Sec. 6 Freeborn Cty W ½ NW ¼ R 103N approx 600 ft of 6 inch and 32,000 ft of 4 inch to outlet into JD 30. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Tom and carried. Permit number 04-05-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Ron Stadheim to tile in Bath Twsp Sec. 27 Freeborn Cty approx. 800 ft of 5 inch plastic. Wayne Wangsness has signed this permit as downstream landowner. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Tom and carried. Permit number 04-06-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Thomas Butler to tile in Newry twsp Sec. 19 Freeborn Cty SE ¼ to outlet into Ditch #27 approx. 12,000 ft of laterals with intake for WRP overflow. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Gerald and carried. Tom Abstained. Permit number 04-07-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Herman Oldenkamp to tile in Riceland Twsp Sec. 2 Freeborn Cty approx. 650 ft of 8 inch, 1500 ft of 6 inch and 16,000 ft of 5 inch to outlet into #42. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Gerald and carried. Permit number 04-08-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Terry Ward P.E. Mn/DOT District #6 for Lansing Twsp T 103 N Sec. 33 Mower County SW ¼ of SW ¼ R 18W to outlet into JD #24. Description of the project, purpose, and plans are attached to this permit. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Gerald and carried. Permit number 04-09-09.

An application for permit was submitted by Dennis Kuhn to fill in a private ditch in Newry Twsp Sec. 33 Freeborn Cty SW ¼ R 019 starting East heading West until the tile line enters the ditch. After discussion and Atty Deter explaining the statue and TCWD rules, Pete made a motion to grant the permit seconded by Tom and carried. Michelle abstained. Permit number 04-10-09.

Tom made a motion to authorize Steve to make a site visit on the Kuhn project and investigate where the tile outlets are and which direction the water flows before the next meeting and report back to the Board seconded by Arlen and carried.

An application for permit was submitted by Dennis Kuhn to tile in Newry Twsp Sec. 33 Freeborn Cty SW ¼ R 019 approx. 5000 ft of 5 inch tile entering into old main to outlet into Deer Creek. Pete made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Gerald and carried. Permit number 04-11-09.

An application for Wetland Restoration permit was submitted by James R Yanke in Newry Twsp 104 N Sec. 9 Freeborn Cty, plans and maps are attached to this permit, Wilma Pirkl has signed this permit as downstream landowner. Tom made a motion to grant this permit seconded by Pete and carried. Permit number 04-12-09.

The cancellation request from ICS Agency, Inc. was received and signed by Michelle Miller, witnessed by Arlen Schamber and returned to ICS Agency, Inc. by Nancy Finley on April 22nd, 2009 to verify the cancellation request.

A bill was submitted from Jones, Haugh, Smith, Inc. for \$1,317.00. Arlen made a motion to approve and forward this bill to Dennis Distad, Freeborn County Auditor-Treasure seconded by Gerald and carried.

The following bills were submitted for payment by the TCWD:

Minnesota Counties Ins.	\$ 1,360.00
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Hill,Larson,Walth, Benda, PA	\$ 130.00
LarsonAllen	\$ 1,004.35
Rinke Noonan	\$ 82.00
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Gerald made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Pete and carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Edwards, nkf

Gerald Edwards, Sec'y
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