

# North Fork Crow River Watershed District

## Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Managers Present:** Jim Barchenger, Gary Berndt, Bob Brauchler, Jim Wuertz

**Non-Voting Managers Present (Phone):** John Hanson

**Staff Present:** Cris Skonard, Christine Knutson, Christopher Lundeen

**Others Present:** Kurt Deter (Rinke-Noonan), Steve Notch (Stearns Commissioner), Roger Lyon, Scott Tersteeg, Dave Johnson, Boyce Fischer, Kevin Farnum, others.

### 1. Call to Order

President Brauchler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### 2. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the revised agenda to include the intern update, lab update, CAC, Stearns AIS funds and monitoring review made by Wuertz, seconded by Barchenger. Motion carried.

### 3. Consent Agenda Items

1. Treasurer's Report and Bills to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - a. Check Register - 106 Bonanza Checking Acct
  - b. P & L Detail – All Accounts
  - c. Balance Sheet – All Accounts

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Barchenger, seconded by Wuertz. Roll call.

Affirmative: Barchenger, Berndt, Brauchler, Wuertz      Opposed: None

Motion carried.

### 4. Minutes

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Barchenger, seconded by Wuertz. Motion carried.

February 19<sup>th</sup>, CD29, CD36, CD37 ROB Hearing Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Wuertz, seconded by Barchenger. Motion carried.

### 5. Staff Reports

#### A. Administrator's Report:

##### 1. Activities

Skonard updated the Board on various activities within the District. Noted central region administrator's meeting and workshops to be discussed later.

##### 2. KLA Petition: Update

Skonard noted the final engineer's report is close to being completed. He will notify the Board when the reports has been submitted.

##### 3. Central MN MAWD Chapter: Update

Skonard discussed meeting he attended with central WD administrators to form a Central MN MAWD Chapter. Meetings occur semi-annually or as needed. Potential topics include capitol project financing and the bonding process. Consensus to pursue the chapter formation.

##### 4. Manure Management Workshop Update

Skonard reported on the Manure Management Workshops held at the Padua Pub on February 5 and at the District office on March 3. Skonard had hoped attendance would have been higher but overall the workshops presented good information.

##### 5. Annual Report

Skonard presented the draft Annual Report. The Managers noted a few corrections. Motion to approve the Annual Report with corrections made by Barchenger, seconded by Berndt. Motion carried.

## **6. Lab/Garage Upgrade**

Skonard provide an update to upgrade the lab/garage. A lab upgrade committee was formed consisting of the Administrator, Wuertz and Brauchler. Skonard to setup a meeting with a contractor.

## **7. CAC Update**

Jim Weller, President of the CAC provided an update from the latest CAC meeting. Noted good discussion on determining the source of e-coli and installation of rock inlets. CAC wishes to have a joint work session with the Board where an e-coli expert can provide additional information.

## **8. Additional Business**

None

## **B. Watershed Project Coordinator's Report:**

### **1. Activity Report:**

Lundeen gave a report of his activities. Noted work on the annual report and Pope AIS grant submittal. He also provided an update on the WPLMN Grant MOU and coordination with MFCRWD and the PCA.

### **2. AIS-LAMB Quote**

Lundeen presented the contract with LAMB for providing AIS inspection services for 2020. Motion to approve the contract with LAMB made by Berndt, seconded by Barchenger. Roll call.

Affirmative: Barchenger, Berndt, Wuertz      Opposed: None      Abstain: Brauchler

Motion carried.

### **3. Stearns AIS Funds**

Lundeen noted that we have received AIS funds from Stearns County. Motion to accept the AIS funds made by Barchenger, seconded by Berndt. Motion carried.

### **4. Additional Business**

None

## **C. Funds Manager / Administrative Assistant Report:** As reported in Financial Statements.

## **6. Program Reports**

### **A. Permit Report:**

None

### **B. Drainage Report:**

#### **1. JD1 Main and Branches: Status Update**

Joe Lewis updated the Board on the status of JD1 noting how the Board wishes to proceed on Branch 12, Fork 6 and Prairie Storm issues. Consensus to contact FWS and setup a meeting to discuss the issues.

Roger Lyon and Scott Tersteeg discussed the flooding issues north of Prairie Storm and their desire to construct a private ditch to re-route excess water around Prairie Storm.

#### **2. CD7: Fischer Benefits**

Skonard informed the Board that he was in the process of verifying the assessments had been paid based Stearns County special assessment reports.

#### **3. CD29, CD36, CD37 ROB Update**

Skonard informed the Board that he had met with the Attorney for Virgil Fuchs. They discussed issues and toured CD37.

#### **4. Other Ditch Business**

Manager Berndt inquired of installing rock inlets on his property and the availability of grant dollars. He was directed to the Stearns SWCD.

**C. Board Member Meeting Reports:**

None

**7. Items for Next Meeting Agenda:**

Herickhoff's to appear at April meeting regarding January permit application. Wenck to provide update to Prairie Storm As-Builts.

**8. Open Discussion from the Public**

President Brauchler asked for comment from the public.

Dave Johnson inquired as to who does tree/brush management. The District provides this service , however, will contract out for larger projects.

**9. Calendar Review:**

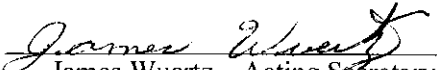
Three month outlook calendar provided.

**10. FYI Items:**

None

**11. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Barchenger, seconded by Wuertz. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

  
James Wuertz – Acting Secretary