

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MANAGERS**  
**OF BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

The Managers of Buffalo Creek Watershed District met on the 26th day of February, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. at its regular meeting place in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 630 10<sup>th</sup> Street E., Glencoe, MN, for its regular monthly business meeting.

The following members were present:

Donald Belter  
George Schlagel  
Larry Phillips  
Charles Kubesh  
Corey Henke

Also attending the meeting were:

Pete Kasal, of the firm of  
KEEFE & KASAL  
Hutchinson, MN

Charles Eberhard, Engineer  
Litchfield, MN

President Belter announced the first order of business was the consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Managers held on January 22, 2008. After review of the minutes, upon motion of Manager Kubesh, which motion was seconded by Manager Schlagel, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2008.

President Belter next called upon Manager Phillips for the Treasurer's report, who presented a written report which outlined expenses and income as follows:

**SAVINGS:**

C.D.	\$ 58,059.96	
C.B.	221,821.30	
Rec'd: Interest to 12/28/07 (C/D #8358)	9,402.83	
Interest (Savings #4206225)	425.14	
Sibley County	11.42	
Renville County	534.27	
Renville County	5.98	
Carver County	<u>39.70</u>	
		\$290,300.60
LESS: Transfer to checking		<u>5,678.02</u>
FEBRUARY BALANCE		\$284,622.58

CHECKING:

January balance	\$ 1,500.90	
Deposit from savings	5,678.02	
Interest	<u>0.15</u>	

\$ 7,197.07

LESS: Checks drawn 5,476.45

FEBRUARY BALANCE \$ 1,702.62

PROJECT 79-2:

CD #7949 and #11550	\$ 7,697.12	
Interest to 10/10/07	<u>1,233.98</u>	

8,931.10

McLeod Co. Auditor/79-2 Fund 54,330.36

63,261.46

LESS: Ditch #79-2 cleanout 33,000.00

TOTAL 79-2 Funds \$30,261.46

(held by McLeod Co. Auditor)

Clean Water Legacy Grant Funds (Act. #4215367):

January balance	\$ 45,934.52	
Interest to 12/30/07	<u>58.39</u>	

FEBRUARY BALANCE \$45,992.91

Upon motion of Manager Schlagel, which motion was seconded by Manager Kubesh, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the Treasurer's Report.

President Belter next called for the bills that had been presented to the Board since the last meeting. Manager Phillips reported as follows:

Keefe & Kasal – attorneys fees	\$ 504.60
McLeod Co. – aerial mapping	27,107.00
McCombs Frank Roos Assoc. – engineering	440.00
M.A.W.D. – dues	2,000.00
League of Minnesota Cities – workers comp. insurance	87.00
P. O. Box rental	68.00
Charles Eberhard – engineering	2,537.69
Mary Henke – secretarial	78.75
Donald Belter – per diem & mileage	82.07
Charles Kubesh – per diem & mileage	110.20
Corey Henke – per diem & mileage	582.81
Larry Phillips – per diem & mileage	244.95
George Schlagel – per diem & mileage	<u>173.74</u>

TOTAL \$34,016.81

Upon motion of Manager Kubesh, which motion was seconded by Manager Phillips, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the above bills for payment.

President Belter called upon Jerry DeRock and Gerald Fluck, who were in attendance representing the Lake Allie Lake Association. Mr. Fluck advised the Board that the Lake Association is attempting to enroll the desilting basin area in CRP. This application has been denied thus far because by rule the applicant must own the acreage for 12 months and have cropped it the year before enrolling. Mr. Fluck also advised that approximately 450 cubic yards of dirt from the nearby ditch cleanout needs to be disposed of. He inquired as to possible areas to spread the dirt. Mr. Fluck and Mr. DeRock were advised that Legacy Grant funds will cover the installation costs of a silt fence to allow the maximum amount of acres (8.96 acres) to be farmed this year in order to qualify for CRP. Engineer Eberhard will contact the contractor to install the fence as soon as practical.

President Belter next called on Diane Sanders of C.R.O.W., who presented a report to the Board on their progress in addressing water quality in the Crow River Watershed. She indicated they have defined separate areas called "management areas" in the watershed. The Buffalo Creek Watershed area is one "management area", and has been ranked as the #1 priority out of all the other "management areas" to address water quality issues. She indicated that various grants have been applied for and some granted in the last year. She also indicated that Buffalo Creek has been designated as an "impaired water". A consulting firm has been selected to assist in a Total Maximum Daily Load Study. A work plan will be submitted to the MPCA in the near future to address corrective actions to be taken. Ms. Sanders anticipates there will be approximately 2 years of monitoring before implementation of any corrective actions.

President Belter next called for any new permits. Engineer Eberhard presented an application from the City of Glencoe for the creation of a fish pond near the Buffalo Creek stream bed. Upon motion of Manager Henke, which motion was seconded by Manager Schlagel, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers accepted the Application for Permit for consideration and designated it Application for Permit No. 2008-1. Engineer Eberhard reported that all the information required had been received and he recommended approval of the permit application. Upon motion of Manager Phillips, which motion was seconded by Manager Kubesh, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved Permit No. 2008-1.

Engineer Eberhard next advised the Board that he has received a request from McLeod County for an extension of time on Permit No. 2007-4 regarding the Morningside Bridge project. A one-year extension is requested on the permit. Upon motion of Manager Phillips, which motion was seconded by Manager Henke, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers granted an extension of one year on Permit No. 2007-4.

President Belter next called for the tabled agenda item regarding tile sizes. Engineer Eberhard expressed to the Board that he believes that Watershed permits should be required for tile lines of 6 inches in diameter and above rather than the current standards. Thereafter followed a general discussion by the Board members about if and how to implement these policy changes. It was suggested that rather than requiring

permits of all tile lines 6 inches and above, that the Board require that any new outlets to waterways or ditches need to be permitted. It was suggested this may be a less intrusive way to regulate the amount of discharge into the Buffalo Creek Watershed. No definitive decision was reached by the Board of Managers. It was agreed to further discuss the issue at the Board's next meeting in March.

Manager Henke next addressed the Board and reported that the Lidar survey previously commissioned has been completed and will be available soon. The Lidar survey had been conducted on the entire Buffalo Creek Watershed area except Renville and Kandiyohi Counties.

President Belter next called for any items of new business. Manager Phillips reported that a Legislative breakfast is scheduled in the near future. Manager Schlagel advised the Board that he will attend the breakfast.

Manager Henke reported to the Board that the EPA has available a site on their website for watershed information and suggested providing information on Buffalo Creek Watershed District to that website.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Managers adjourned until the next regular meeting of the Board of Managers on **March 25, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.**, at its regular meeting place in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 630 10<sup>th</sup> St. E., Glencoe, MN.

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Charles Kubesh, Secretary