

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

The Managers of Buffalo Creek Watershed District met on the 25th day of November, 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 was:

Pete Kasal, of the firm of  
KEEFE & KASAL  
Hutchinson, 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 October 28, 2008. It was noted that on page 4 there was a typographical error in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph. Lake "Marian" should be changed to Lake "Marion". Upon motion of Manager Schlagel, which motion was seconded by Manager Phillips, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 28, 2008 as corrected.

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

<u>SAVINGS:</u>	
C.D.	\$ 58,059.96
C.B.	193,695.95
Rec'd: Interest to 9/28/08 (C/D #8358)	11,731.64
Interest (Savings #4206225)	197.27
Mn State Finance (ACH)	<u>4,649.18</u>
	\$268,334.00
LESS: Transfer to checking	<u>3,016.72</u>
NOVEMBER BALANCE	\$265,317.28

<u>CHECKING:</u>		
October balance	\$ 4,488.86	
Deposit from savings	3,016.72	
Interest	<u>.20</u>	
		\$ 7,505.78
LESS: Checks drawn		<u>3,647.32</u>
NOVEMBER BALANCE		\$ 3,858.46

<u>PROJECT 79-2:</u>		
CD #7949 and #11550	\$ 7,697.12	
Interest to 10/11/08	<u>1,654.97</u>	
		9,352.09
McLeod Co. Auditor/79-2 Fund		<u>21,330.36</u>
TOTAL 79-2 Funds		\$30,682.45

<u>Clean Water Legacy Grant Funds (Act. #4215367):</u>		
10/31/08 balance	\$21,037.47	
Rec'd: Interest to 10/31/08	5.39	
CROW	<u>4,000.00</u>	
		\$25,042.86
LESS: D & J Ag (buffer strip incentive)		<u>760.00</u>
NOVEMBER BALANCE		\$24,282.86

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	\$ 610.70
Global Services – projector purchase	531.77
Charles Eberhard – engineering	1,473.23
Mary Henke – secretarial	279.30
Linda Phillips	122.27
Donald Belter – per diem & mileage	183.93
Charles Kubesh – per diem & mileage	208.50
Corey Henke – per diem & mileage	254.25
Larry Phillips – per diem & mileage	442.43
George Schlagel – per diem & mileage	280.42
Maier Investments – CRP cost share (Legacy grant)	<u>280.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,666.80

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

President Belter next called for any new permits. There were no new permit applications to be presented to the Board.

President Belter next called for items of old business. The Board held a general discussion with regard to projected streambed clean-out project sites. It was noted that a review of the streambed had not been completed to determine sites needing to be cleaned out. Manager Henke and Manager Phillips will conduct a review of the streambed and report back to the Board of Managers at its December meeting.

President Belter next called for discussion of Application for Permit No. 2008-13. It was noted that the Board of Managers was still waiting for more information with regard to this permit application.

Manager Henke next reported with regard to the Public Drainage Authority Annual Buffer Strip Report. He noted that the report has been filed.

Manager Phillips and Manager Henke reported on attending the CROW meeting on November 6, 2008, with regard to the TMDL study by CROW. They reported that the study is still in the development stage.

The Board next discussed final billing approval for the Hanson legacy grant site. It was noted that the final billing would be approximately \$3,500.00. It was the general consensus of the Board that approval will wait for an exact billing amount.

Ryan Freitag of the Soil & Water Conservation Service, Tom Wenzel of BWSR, and John Sellnow of NRCS were in attendance and addressed the Ron Hansen Application for Permit No. 2008-3 in Lynn Township, McLeod County. Mr. Wenzel appeared on behalf of Mr. Hansen and presented a written response to the Board addressing the previous request for further information. The proposed project is to restore several small wetlands on the project site. Mr. Wenzel presented a written response to the questions previously posed by the Board together with a map outlining the project area and the proposed work. They indicated they intend to continue to work with neighboring landowners and township authorities to resolve any drainage and road maintenance issues. Mr. Wenzel explained in depth what the project will entail, including restoration of wetlands, protection of wetlands, protection of township roads and maintenance of drainage on surrounding properties. It was noted that the project area has been enrolled in the USDA Wetlands Reserve Program. Following the presentation, the Board indicated that they would like Engineer Eberhard to review the revised plans and respond to the issues that had been previously raised. Upon motion of Manager Phillips, which motion was seconded by Manager Schlagel, by unanimous vote the Board of Managers tabled Application for Permit No. 2008-3 to the December meeting.

President Belter next called upon Rosella Benson. Ms. Benson inquired as to what plans the Board of Managers had for an area of Buffalo Creek through Collins Township in McLeod County. The Board responded that a streambed clean-out is anticipated in Collins Township. Ms. Benson indicated that her family owns property adjacent to the creek and that there is considerable debris located in the creek bed along their property and also a beaver infestation.

President Belter next called upon Dan Nadeau, a representative of CROW, who reported on data prepared from water testing conducted on Buffalo Creek from 2006 to 2008. He presented several graphs showing the results of the testing.

President Belter next called for any items of new business. There was no new business brought before the Board by either the Managers or parties in attendance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Managers adjourned the regular meeting until the next regular meeting of the Board of Managers on December 23, 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.

President Belter next opened the public hearing for discussion of the Drainage Management Plan. Present to discuss the Plan was Matt Johnson of the Mid-Minnesota Development Commission and Tom Fischer of the New Ulm office of BWSR. Mr. Johnson indicated that the Plan projects a 10-year period with an implementation period of 5 years. He indicated that buffer strip implementation will be emphasized during the initial 5 years and that the buffer strip plan will offer financial incentives to landowners to create buffer strips. A copy of the proposed Plan was reviewed by the Board members with comments from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Fischer. There were no public comments on the Plan. Upon motion of Manager Phillips, which motion was seconded by Manager Schlagel, by unanimous vote the public hearing was closed. It was the consensus of the Board that final approval of the Plan will be considered at the December, 2008 meeting.

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Charles Kubesh, Secretary