North Fork Crow River Watershed District
Approved Minutes
November 9th 2015: Held During Regular Meeting
JD1 BR12 FK1 Public Hearing: Tile Closure

Managers Present: Berndt, Wuertz, Hanson, Barchenger, Brauchler
Managers Absent: None
Staff Present: Tara Ostendorf, Christine Knutson
Others Present: Kurt Deter (Rinke-Noonan), Ken Hess, Roger Walz, Larry Ladwig, Marvin Borgerding, Steve Notch, Arthur Marthaler, Earl & Linda Kasper, Others

Open Public Hearing:
Chairperson Wuertz recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 8:00 pm.

Record of Notices:
Ostendorf stated the record of notice requirements; direct mailer to all residents potentially affected by the proposed open ditch closure, posting on website for two consecutive weeks and a notice on the door for two consecutive weeks.

Engineer’s Report & Recommendations:
Chairperson Wuertz called for the engineer’s report. Ostendorf summarized the submitted engineer’s report and recommendations. As stated in the report, the proposed project seeks to close approximately 720 linear feet of open channel of JD1 Branch 12 Fork 1, located in Section 10 of Raymond TWP, having an drainage area of approximately 34 acres, majority located on the petitioner’s property. Engineer’s recommendation is to replace the open channel with 12” HDPE dual walled tile at a 0.100% grade at an estimated cost of $26,350.

Public Comment and Questions:
Chairperson Wuertz asked for public comment or questions.

Deter instructed in the Board to make a motion to close the open comment portion of the hearing. Motion to close public comment made by Manager Barchenger, seconded by Manager Brauchler. Motion passed with all in favor.

Action by Drainage Authority:
Deter advised the Board that they should approve the engineer’s report if the project will be a public benefit after all considerations in 103E.715. Motion to accept engineer’s report and recommendations and authorize project made by Manager Hanson, seconded by Manager Brauchler. Motion carried with all in favor. Manager Berndt abstained due to a conflict of interest as a benefitting landowner on the system.

Manager Berndt requested that the Board consider a timeline for completion. Board consensus to give the landowner until the end of 2016 to complete; if more time is needed, the landowner can request it.

Chairperson Wuertz asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion to close the public hearing for JD1 Branch 12 Fork 1 made by Manager Hanson, seconded by Manager Barchenger. Motion carried with all in favor. Chairperson Wuertz resumed regular meeting.

John Hanson – Secretary
14 Dec 2015