

**North Fork Crow River Watershed District**  
**Approved Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2024**

**Managers Present:** Ross Amundson, Jim Barchenger, Bob Brauchler, Jim Weller, Jim Wuertz,  
**Staff Present:** Colton Henjum, Chloe Truebenbach, Christine Knutson  
**Others Present:** Gary Berndt, Steve Notch, Joe Lewis (HEI)

**1. Call to Order**

President Brauchler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Review and Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the revised agenda made by Barchenger, seconded by Weller. Motion carried.

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

1. Treasurer's Report and Bills to November 14, 2024
  - 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 Weller, seconded by Wuertz. Roll call.

Affirmative: Amundson, Barchenger, Brauchler, Weller, Wuertz,

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

**4. Minutes**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the revised October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting minutes made by Wuertz, seconded by Barchenger. Motion carried.

**5. Staff Reports**

**A. Administrator's Report: Colton Henjum**

**1. Activities**

Henjum provided a report of his activities for the month as well as drainage systems that had been worked on. Activities included working with HEI on JD1 Br12 Fk6, 2025 drainage assessments, and lake projects.

**2. Lake Ave Project**

Henjum provided an update of the proposed project near Lake Ave in Paynesville and noted the Watershed and City were pursuing funding through WBIF. Motion to attempt to get funding for the project through WBIF made by Barchenger, seconded by Amundson. Roll call.

Affirmative: Amundson, Barchenger, Brauchler, Weller, Wuertz,

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

**3. Staff Shirts**

Motion to authorize Henjum to purchase shirts with the District logos for staff made by Barchenger, seconded by Wuertz. Roll call.

Affirmative: Amundson, Barchenger, Brauchler, Weller, Wuertz,

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

**B. Watershed Project Coordinator's Report: Chloe Truebenbach**

**1. Activities**

Truebenbach noted activities including AIS program work, working at the private well screening event, finishing stream sampling for the year, WPLMN training, and working on reports.

**C. Funds Manager / Administrative Assistant Report: As noted in financial statements.**

## 6. Program Reports

### A. Permit Reports:

1. 2024-07: Henjum presented drainage request 2024-07. Motion to approve made by Weller, seconded by Amundson. Motion carried.

### B. Drainage Report:

#### 1. JD1

Henjum provided an update on the JD1 Br12 Fk 6 noting that there does not seem to be a cost effective way to accomplish both the Watershed and USFWs perspective goals. General consensus was to have Henjum see if there was any grant funding available to help offset project costs.

Henjum noted he had completed a field visit to the JD1 Branch 12 re-sloping project site. He noticed that the spoil pile that was left on site was not on the 16.5 foot buffer. It was instead sitting on the North side of the ditch on the Liebl property. Motion to pay MBC Drainage the \$5,000.00 in retainage from the project if they can get written permission from the Liebl to leave the spoil pile in place made by Weller, seconded by Amundson. Motion carried with Manager Barchenger abstaining.

#### 2. CD38

Henjum presented an updated bid from MBC drainage for the tile replacement on the Kirckof property. Motion to approve the estimate made by Weller, seconded by Wuertz. Roll call.

Affirmative: Amundson, Barchenger, Brauchler, Weller, Wuertz,  
Motion carried.

Opposed: None

## 7. Open Discussion from the Public:

Gary Berndt asked Joe Lewis how you make sure water does not leave the area you are pumping it into. Lewis responded by saying you would have to build a berm in to prevent water from leaving the intended area. Discussion was also had about the washout on JD1 Br 12 Fk6.

## 8. Items for Next Meeting Agenda: None

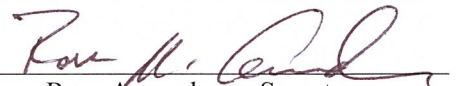
## 9. Board Member Reports:

President Brauchler reported on attending the 1W1P Policy meeting.

## 10. Calendar Review:

11. **FYI Items:** The next board meeting will take place at 1:00 pm.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Barchenger, seconded by Weller. Motion carried.

  
Ross Amundson – Secretary