

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

The Matter of the Initiation of the Middle
Fork Crow River/Meeker County Ditch 47
Restoration Project (Project #2017-01)

**ORDER OF THE BOARD
INITIATING PROJECT (MINN.
STAT. §103D.605)**

At its regular meeting on June 6, 2017, the Board of Managers of the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District considered the following findings and order related to the initiation of a basic water management project as identified in its watershed management plan. Manager Wing moved, seconded by Manager Schaefer adoption of the following:

Findings

1. In 2013 the MFCRWD applied for Accelerated Implementation Grant to analyze the condition of the channel of a portion on the Middle Fork of the Crow River in Meeker County. The designated portion of river channel to be analyzed was an 11 mile reach of the Middle Fork Crow River downstream of Lake Calhoun. The Purpose of the analysis was to determine the scope of eroding riverbanks.
2. The State awarded the grant to the MFCRWD in April of 2015, under its Clean Water Fund grant program.
3. After public hearing, the MFCRWD establish project 15-03, the “Middle Fork Crow River Watershed Integrated Water Quality Analysis for Targeted Priority Practices Project”
4. Under project 15-03, the MRCRWD analyzed the designated portion of river channel to identify eroding portions of the river bank, determine conditions and sources of pollutant and sediment loading, and to identify both practices and locations of practices that would benefit water quality and stability in the designated portion of river channel.

5. In March 2017, the consulting engineer for project 15-03 filed its Streambank Assessment Technical Memo related to the project.

6. The Streambank Assessment Technical Memo identified specific deterioration conditions on the river channel contributing to sediment and pollutant loading on the designated portion of river.

7. In response to the Study, the MFCRWD applied for and received approval for a Clean Water Partnership (CWP) loan with the intent of using proceeds from the loan to implement one or more of the recommendations from the Streambank Assessment Technical Memo. Specifically, the CWP loan proceeds may be used to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff and sediment and nutrient loading into the Middle Fork Crow River by implementing a variety of best management practices including stormwater management, streambank and channel restorations, and conservation agricultural projects.

8. The portion of river channel analyzed is also part of the legal alignment of Meeker County Ditch (CD) 47.

9. The establishment of CD 47 modified/improved the channel of the river. However, since establishment of CD 47, much of the river channel analyzed has deteriorated as the river attempted to re-establish a more natural channel.

10. It is important to note that the deteriorated channel of the river is not impacting the hydraulic efficiency of CD 47.

11. Because the Meeker County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for CD 47, the MFCRWD staff presented the Streambank Assessment to the Board of Commissioners on May 16, 2017.

12. The project proposed herein is intended to implement one or more of the recommendations contained in the Streambank Assessment Technical Memo.

13. The actions proposed by the project can be implemented in a manner consistent with the concurrent status of the designated portion of river channel as a public drainage system.

14. The project is initiated in furtherance of the Basic Water Management Project priorities contained in the MFCRWD's Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, 2007-2017 (Plan) and implements the Plan Implementation Goals, Objectives and Initiatives as found in chapter 4 of the Plan. (see Chapter 4: Goal 1, Objective B, Initiatives 6, 9, 10 and 11; Objective C, Initiative 16; Objective D, Initiative 21; and Goal 6, Objective B, Initiative 68).

15. The proposed project is conducive to the public health, promotes the general welfare, and is identified in and in compliance with the Plan.

Order

A. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.605, the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District (MFCRWD) Board of Managers (Board) initiates the Middle Fork Crow River/Meeker County Ditch 47 Restoration Project, Project # 2017- 01.

B. The Board appoints the engineering firm of Wenck Associates to work with the MFCRWD staff to prepare a project plan for the various actions proposed by the project.

After discussion, the President called the question. The question was on the adoption of the foregoing findings and order and there were 4 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BEHM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEDTKE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SCHAEFER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HODAPP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution 2017-01.

Ruth Schaefer
Ruth Schaefer, Secretary

Dated: June 6, 2017

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I, Ruth Schaefer, Secretary of the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 6 day of June, 2017.

Ruth Schaefer
Ruth Schaefer, Secretary