The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their budget workshop on August 15, 2016 at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:51 PM
Staff:  Corinne Elfelt, Tim Kelly, Michelle Ulrich
Others:  No others present

A discussion and review of the budget included the following items:

1. Special Road Crossing Fund, was not included in the last budget presented to the Board. This fund would make repairs, as needed, when cities and counties do road repairs and the District would find it prudent to repair culverts and/or ditches at the same time.
   CAC expressed support
   TAC expressed support
   Board expressed support to add to budget

2. Addition of one full time employee to do Outreach. This item has been included in the budget.
   CAC expressed support
   TAC expressed support
   Phelps asked if it would be possible to share this position with other watershed districts. Phelps added that he would like to have a part in goal setting for the new staff person. Phelps expressed that it would be better to have a new staff person start in January so that they are trained in and ready during the busy summer season. Kelly noted that the funds would not be available until July, 2017. The Board would like to see, at the next Board Meeting, an outline of what Doering does and what the new person would do. The Board would like the budget to reflect the half-year budgeted amount for this position.

3. Citizen Requested Repair of Ditch 54-6. Kelly stated this is a citizen’s request and that there does not appear to be property damage due to the condition of the ditch. However, the ditch is in poor condition.
   CAC was split on their support
   TAC did not support
   Westlund noted this section of ditch has not been maintained by the District for at least 30 years. Phelps expressed concern as to whether precedence would be set if this repair would be approved.
   Board expressed support to keep in the budget
4. Preventative Repair on Ditch 41-1 near MAC. Kelly noted this is a low cost repair with an impact on flooding and water quality.
CAC was split on their support, felt it could be included in routine maintenance
TAC expressed support
Board expressed support

5. Capital Equipment costs. Discussion regarding the need for a vehicle with added staff. The Board asked that the conference table be removed and be considered for the new office space.
CAC expressed support for ~ $75,000 in expenditures
TAC expressed support for the same
Board expressed support for Capital Equipment less the conference table

Kelly provided the comments from Anoka County to the Board for review. The Board felt it was important to remind the county of the increase in the District’s area with the addition of Six Cities area and the impact that change has on the District’s budget.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM on a motion by Hoffman, seconded by Phelps. Motion carried with four yeas (Hoffman, Phelps, Westlund and Wilder) and no nays.

Byron Westlund, President