

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting

January 8, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.

City Hall, South St. Paul, MN

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, (Chair) Inver Grove Heights

Sheila Vanney, West St. Paul

Jill Smith, Mendota Heights (Alt)

John Ross, (Alt) South St. Paul

Karen Reid, (Vice Chair) Saint Paul

Lyle Hanzal, (Alt) Lilydale

Tom Sutton, Lilydale

Patti O'Leary, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul

Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights

Dawn Gaetke, Inver Grove Heights

Cody Joos, West St. Paul

Tom Kaldunski, Inver Grove Heights

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights

Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lencowski at 3:05 p.m.

1.1 Public Comment / Introductions

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Lencowski asked for any changes to the agenda; there were none.

MOTION by Reid to approve the agenda for the January 8, 2020 meeting, second by O'Leary; motion passed.

2. Approval of December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Lencowski asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes; there were none.

MOTION by Smith to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting; second by Reid; motion passed.

3. Approval of January 8, 2020 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided an overview of the financial summary including invoices to be paid and recommended approval. Sutton asked about the cost excavation for the Seidl's Lake project and there was discussion on overall project costs. Barten will provide a brief presentation on the project at a future meeting.

MOTION by Sutton to approve the January 8, 2020 financial summary and invoices to be paid, second by O'Leary; motion passed.

4. Authorize Barr Engineering to Update Seidls Lake Outlet Cost Allocation

The Board discussed what would be necessary to update the Seidls Lake outlet cost allocation between the Cities of South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, and MnDOT. Williams estimated that the cost to update the allocation would be around \$5,000.

MOTION by Sutton to approve Barr Engineering staff to coordinate with project partners to update the Seidls Lake outlet project cost allocation, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, second by O’Leary; motion passed.

5. Consider Providing Response to Capitol Region Watershed District Draft Implementation Plan Item

Barten summarized the information provided in the packet. The Board discussed the potential implications of such an investigation for the City and Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD). The Board expressed their desire to maintain the current boundary and inform the CRWD as soon as possible that the LMRWMO Board is in opposition to them investigating a boundary change and that the LMRWMO has no interest in modifying the current boundary. Murphy expressed his support to maintain the current boundaries. Vanney, Reid and others discussed the connectedness of intercommunity drainage, alignment of current boundaries based on hydrologic boundaries, and lack of necessity for a structural organizational change. The Board expressed that should CRWD want to collaborate on a project or initiative in the future, the Board would be open to that type of partnership.

MOTION by Smith to provide a response to the CRWD indicating the LMRWMO is in direct opposition to the CRWD inclusion of the item in their draft Watershed Management implementation plan titled “St. Paul Westside water management exploration”, and that the LMRWMO has no interest in a boundary change or CRWD investigating a boundary change, second by Sutton; motion passed.

6. Discuss Proposals & Select Consultant to Create 4th Generation LMRWMO Watershed Management Plan

Five proposals were received, which were ranked by the individual committee members and discussed by a review committee. The committee recommends that Barr Engineering be chosen as the consultant to create the LMRWMO 4th Generation Watershed Management Plan.

MOTION by Vanney to select Barr Engineering as the Consultant to Create a 4th Generation LMRWMO Watershed Management Plan and authorize the Board Chair to enter into a contract between the LMRWMO and Barr, as outlined in the Barr proposal included in the packet, second by Smith; motion passed.

7. Updates

7.1 Grant Tracking Update

There were no items of note to report on the grant tracking spreadsheet. There was discussion on grant applications sought by the LMRWMO member Cities.

7.2 Final 2020 LMRWMO Board Meeting Schedule

The final 2020 LMRWMO Board Meeting Schedule was distributed.

7.3 Member City Updates

Member cities provided updates on current project.

8. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 4:10 p.m.