



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting

February 10, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Held Remotely Online

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, (Chair) Inver Grove Heights

Mary Jeanne Schneeman, (Sec/Tres) Mendota Heights

Tom Sutton, Lilydale

Julie Eastman, West St. Paul

Karen Reid, (Vice Chair) Saint Paul

Sheila Vanney, West St. Paul

Lyle Hanzal, Lilydale

Jill Smith, Mendota Heights

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Tom Kaldunski, Inver Grove Heights

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights

Ross Beckwith, West St. Paul

Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Brian Watson, Dakota County SWCD

Sue Polka, South St. Paul

Pat Murphy, St. Paul

Dawn Gaetke, Inver Grove Heights

Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights

Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1 Public Comment / Introductions

Audience members may address the Board regarding items not on the agenda.

1.2 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

MOTION by Schneeman to approve the agenda for the February 10th, 2021 meeting, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

2. Approval of the January 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION by Schneeman to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

3. Approval of February 10, 2021 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided an overview of the finances and invoices to be paid and recommended approval.

MOTION by Sutton to approve the financial summary and invoices to be paid, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

4. Review and Authorize Execution of 2021 Ramsey County Agreement

The Board considered the agreement as presented. Vanney noted changing language that references a Watershed District to Watershed Management Organization.

MOTION by Vanney to authorize the Board Chair and Administrator to execute the agreement for 2021 Services with Ramsey County, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

5. Approve Membership with Metro Watershed Partners for 2021

Barten summarized the information in the packet, noted that he found the membership worthwhile, and recommended continuing being a paying member of the program in 2021.

MOTION by Reid to approve funding of \$1,000 towards the 2021 Metro Watershed Partners membership, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

6. Authorize Administrator to Submit Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 Watershed Based Implementation Funding Grant and Authorize Board Chair to Execute Grant Agreement with BWSR

Barten summarized the information in the packet and said that a preliminary grant request for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) project as described in the packet has been submitted to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). The next step is creating a work plan. Once the work plan is approved, the LMRWMO can execute a grant agreement for the project.

MOTION by Sutton to authorize the LMRWMO Administrator to submit a work plan to BWSR for the FY 2021 WBIF project and authorize the Board Chair to execute a grant agreement with BWSR for the funding, second by Vanney; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

7. Watershed Management Plan Update

Williams summarized the status of the Plan update. Vanney noted that it would be helpful to include the task summary chart in the monthly meeting packet as well as what is coming up next for tasks.

8. Alternate CIP Funding Mechanisms for Watershed Management Organizations

Barten provided a presentation on statutory funding mechanisms for capital improvement projects (CIPs) outside of member City dues.

9. Updates and Handouts

9.1 Grant Tracking Update

Williams provided a summary of the grant tracking information provided in the packet.

9.2 Other Updates / Member City Updates

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: March 10th, 2021

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 4:45 pm.