



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting

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

Meeting Held Remotely

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, (Chair) Inver Grove Heights

Mary Jeanne Schneeman, (Sec/Tres) Mendota Heights

Sheila Vanney, West St. Paul

Karen Reid, (Vice Chair) Saint Paul

Tom Sutton, Lilydale

Jill Smith, Mendota Heights (Alt)

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Tom Kaldunski, Inver Grove Heights

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul

Cody Joos, West St. Paul

Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights

Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lencowski at 3:00 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 June 10, 2020 meeting, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the May 13th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Lencowski asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes; one minor change was noted by Sutton.

2.2 Approval of June 10, 2020 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided an overview of the financial summary including invoices to be paid and recommended approval.

MOTION by Reid to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

3. Discuss MWS 2020-2021 Continued Participation

There was support for continued participation in the program for the coming year with priority to those communities who do not yet have representation with a Steward in their City thus far. Barten explained that FWS staff are still figuring out how the program will be implemented with COVID restrictions. Kaldunski suggested more field-based work for capstone projects going forward.

MOTION by Reid to approve participation in the program at the same rate as in past years and authorize the LMRWMO Administrator to execute a contract as necessary with the FWS for the program, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

4. Review the 2019 Financial Audit and Approve Submittal to State

Barten summarized the audit findings and recommended submittal to the State.

MOTION by Reid to approve the 2019 financial audit and submit to the State, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

5. Discuss LMRWMO Visioning Exercise Follow-Up and Watershed Plan Update Delay

Williams summarized the discussion topics from the previous meeting. The Board discussed and followed up on the visioning exercise from the May meeting and overall found the exercise worthwhile but recognized the difficulties inherent in remote meeting coordination and visioning exercises without the ability to meet in person. There was additional feedback on the visioning exercise language. Barten noted that it appears BWSR will likely be willing to provide a plan extension due to COVID meeting restrictions. There was general agreement to hold off on the plan update process items, including the visioning statement, TAG and CAC meeting coordination, etc. which include community engagement and go forward with items such as a gaps-analysis which could be done regardless of the ability to meet in person.

6. Discuss Capital Region Watershed District Draft Plan Implementation Item

Barten summarized the information provided in the packet. There was discussion on the previous letter to the CRWD, boundaries, and issues concerning consistent City of Saint Paul stormwater ordinances.

MOTION by Reid to direct the Board Chair and LMRMWO Administrator to draft and send a letter to the CRWD indicating the LMRWMO Board's position, as discussed, on the CRWD draft implementation item, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

7. Updates

7.1 Grant Tracking Update

There were no items specifically mentioned from the grant tracking spreadsheet.

7.2 Other Updates / Member City Updates

Member Cities provided updates on relevant projects in their municipalities.

8. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 4:40 p.m.