



## MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting

August 12, 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

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

Sue Polka, West St. Paul

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights

Ralph Schnor, Inver Grove Heights

Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights

Ross Beckwith, West St. Paul

Cody Joos, West St. Paul

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. Barten asked to move the Watershed Based Implementation Funding discussion to the end of the agenda, to become item seven.

**MOTION** by Reid to approve the agenda for the August 12, 2020 meeting with requested changes, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

### **2. Approval of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

### **3. Approval of August 12, 2020 Financial Summary & Invoices**

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

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

### **4. Discuss Insurance Liability Coverage Waiver**

Barten explained that the Board must act annually on this insurance waiver.

**MOTION** by Vanney to not waive the limits on liability coverage, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

**5. Review the Watershed Plan Update Gaps Analysis**

Williams discussed the individual spreadsheet line items provided in the packet in more detail. There was discussion on having additional information provided during Board meetings to educate the Board on various relevant Watershed Plan update topics, such as septic systems, groundwater, permitting programs, etc. Kaldunski noted that more information on rising water basin levels and a septic system inventory or addressing septic systems in some way could be included. Kaldunski noted that he could have Greg Fransen from Barr Engineering provide a presentation on a landlocked basin study initiated by the City at a future meeting. Barten noted that some education programs, such as LCW, are missing from the analysis.

**6. Updates**

**6.1 Grant Tracking Update**

There were no items specifically mentioned from the grant tracking spreadsheet aside from the upcoming BWSR Projects and Practices Clean Water Fund deadline. Vanney gave an update on State funding levels through the Clean Water Fund in general based on the budgeting process.

**6.2 CRWD Draft Plan Letter and CRWD Response**

Barten summarized the information provided in the packet.

**6.3 Website Re-Do Update**

Barten explained that the consultant is beginning to gather information for the website update. They will start with the Dakota County SWCD update portion and will then move onto the multiple WMO updates in early 2021. Barten asked Board members to begin to think of items or ideas they would like incorporated into a new site and send those ideas to him.

**6.4 Other Updates / Member City Updates**

Member Cities provided brief updates on relevant projects in their municipalities. Kaldunski noted that he could have Greg Fransen provide a presentation on a landlocked basin study initiated by the City at a future meeting.

**7. Determine 2020 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Project(s)**

Barten summarized the information provided in the packet. He provided background on the WBIF program and process. There was discussion on the details of the three potential projects, project readiness, and water quality impact of the various options. Smith asked about the availability of additional information. Barten replied that the process has been expedited and the he only recently heard about the amount of funding available and the group is requesting a selected project by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Spreiter asked about the timelines of the grant and necessity for selecting a project by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Barten replied that the WBIF group had set that timeline and that other organizations likely wanted to begin as soon as possible. Spreiter noted that some information on outfalls should be readily available. Kaldunski noted that the areas in southern Inver Grove Heights have many issues in natural ravines with erosion that would be great to have documented in a study. There was general consensus from Sutton, Kaldunski, Schneeman, Spreiter, Lancowski, and Smith that the Mississippi River ravine and direct drainage study was the best project option to pursue.

**MOTION** by Vanney to pursue a study of Mississippi River direct drainages with FY 2020 Watershed Based Implementation Funding dollars, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Sutton, Reid, Vanney; motion passed.

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