



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting

November 12, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Held Remotely Online

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, (Chair) Inver Grove Heights
Sheila Vanney, West St. Paul
Lyle Hanzal, Lilydale

Karen Reid, (Vice Chair) Saint Paul
Tom Sutton, Lilydale

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Tom Kaldunski, Inver Grove Heights
Pat Murphy, St. Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Ralph Schnor, Inver Grove Heights
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

1. Information Items

Barten provided an update on the MN Water Stewards program, asking Cities to help get the word out to garner interested applicants.

Williams provided an overview on the relevant items from the Grant Tracking spreadsheet.

2. Presentation: Watershed Management Plan Update Process

Williams summarized the information provided in the packet and described the various processes, using flow charts, which identify priority issues, resources, and projects, establish goals, and develop targeted implementation plans for the Watershed Management Plan update.

3. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lencowski at 3:30 p.m.

1.1 Public Comment / Introductions

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Lencowski asked for any changes to the agenda.

MOTION by Vanney to approve the agenda for the November 12, 2020 meeting, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

4. Approval of the September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

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

5. Approval of November 12, 2020 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided an overview of the financial summary including 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, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

6. Discuss Draft 2021 SWCD Work Plan

Barten presented a proposed work plan as presented in the packet for 2021 between the LMRWMO and Dakota County SWCD for Administrative and other services. Barten noted an increase due to additional monitoring at Thompson Lake. The Board discussed available hours and the amounts of funding needed and billable hours from the SWCD.

MOTION by Reid to approve the budget and work plan as presented and to authorize the Board Chair to execute an agreement with the Dakota County SWCD, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

7. Discuss Ramsey County Subwatershed Analysis Application & Matching Funds Request

Barten summarized the information provided in the packet to request matching funds to perform a subwatershed analysis to identify stormwater management projects in the West Side of St. Paul. There was discussion on the various modeling programs used for studies such as this.

MOTION by Vanney to authorize funding as requested to Ramsey County for a subwatershed analysis in the West Side of St. Paul, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

8. Discuss LMRWMO Website URL

The Board discussed the three options provided for a new LMRWMO website URL.

MOTION by Sutton to select www.lmrwmo.org as the preferred website URL, unless the website consultant sees an issue with this choice, second by Reid; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

9. LMRWMO Plan Update Revised Engagement Plan

Williams summarized the changes to the LMRWMO Watershed Management Plan update Engagement Plan due to COVID. Barten noted that the changes would be provided to BWSR along with a request for a Watershed Management Plan extension due to an inability to execute the initial Plan update outreach and meetings as planned.

MOTION by Reid to authorize the LMRWMO Administrator to submit a request to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for a one-year Watershed Management Plan extension, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

10. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 4:35 p.m.