



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting

July 14, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Held Remotely Online

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, (Chair) Inver Grove Heights
Mary Jeanne Schneeman, Mendota Heights
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Lyle Hanzal, Lilydale
Jill Smith, Mendota Heights

Karen Reid, (Vice Chair) Saint Paul
Sheila Vanney, West St. Paul
Michael Randle, South Saint Paul
Julie Eastman, West St. Paul

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Sue Polka, South St. Paul
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Stephanie Levine, Mendota Heights
Ross Beckwith, West St. Paul
Melissa King, MN BWSR
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 July 14th, 2021 meeting, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Randle, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

2. Approval of the June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Lencowski asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes, Murphy noted that he was in attendance.

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

3. Approval of the July 14th Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter summarized the information in the packet and recommended approval of the financial summary.

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

4. Authorize Submittal of Watershed Plan Extension Request to State

Barten summarized the information in the packet and noted that this is an important step in the plan update process and to continue to be eligible for State grants.

MOTION by Reid to approve the resolution to request an extension to the LMRWMO watershed management plan and submit the request to the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources, second by Lencowski; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Randle, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

5. Consider Request for Engineering Review at Pine Bend Bluffs

Barten summarized the information in the packet and provided background on the issues in this area. There was discussion on the issue, property ownership considerations, prioritizing a project in this location vs. other locations, the potential role of the WMO in a future project, and future study of erosion prone areas along the Mississippi River. There was general agreement that a third party engineering review by the LMRWMO would be beneficial to help find a solution to the erosion issues in this area. The discussion was tabled until the August meeting to allow Tom Kaldunski to provide input.

6. Updates and Handouts

6.1 Clean Water Fund Grants

Barten noted that the application period for the Fiscal Year 2021 Clean Water Fund Grants is opening in August. He noted that with existing grants, he does not recommend applying for these grants, however, individual Cities are able to apply for funds for their own projects.

6.2 Watershed Plan Update – Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Barten provided a draft list of CAC members to the Board for their review. There was discussion and general consensus by the Board to request that only one member of the Augusta Shores Homeowner Association be represented on the Board to more evenly distribute representation.

MOTION by Lencowski to authorize LMRWMO staff to facilitate the CAC meetings for the LMRWMO Watershed Plan Update, with the change to Augusta Shores representation as discussed, second by Randle; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Randle, Vanney, Sutton; motion passed.

6.3 Other Updates / Member City Updates

Member City representatives provided updates on projects in their City.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: August 11th, 2021

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 4:10 pm