



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting
September 8, 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
Julie Eastman, West St. Paul

Karen Reid, Vice Chair - Saint Paul
Lyle Hanzal, Lilydale
Michael Randle, South Saint Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Ross Beckwith, West St. Paul
Tom Kaldunski, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Sue Polka, South St. Paul
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Melissa King, Board of Water & Soil Resources
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lencowski at 3:00 pm.

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 September 8th, 2021 meeting, second by Halvorsen; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

2. Approval of the August 11th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Lencowski asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes.

MOTION by Randle to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Schneeman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen, Eastman (Lencowski abstains); motion passed.

3. Approval of the September 8th, 2021 Financial Summary & Invoices

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

MOTION by Eastman to approve the financial summary, second by Halvorsen; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen, Eastman; motion passed.

4. Review Summary of Issue Identification Activities for Plan Update

Williams provided a summary of the information provided in the packet. The Board discussed the priority issues and resources.

Kaldunski noted the need to address high water levels throughout the County. Reid noted the high ranking of waterbodies such as Lake Augusta which do not have public access and asked whether those should be the highest priority.

Williams explained the methodology for prioritizing waterbodies and the Board provided feedback on the priority levels. Randle mentioned prioritizing those lakes with highest use and visibility. Lencowski noted that implementation in lakes without public access could focus on education vs. projects. There was discussion to move lakes without public access to the second priority level.

MOTION by Halvorsen to approve the proposed issue identification and waterbody prioritization with Option A as the preferred method, moving all streams to the highest priority level, moving waterbodies without public access to the 2nd priority level, move Rosenberger up to 2nd priority level, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Randle, Halvorsen, Eastman; motion passed.

5. Review Draft 2022 Budget and Member Dues

Barten summarized the information in the packet, including the two options for the 2022 budget with a flat budget and 5% increase. He noted that the SWCD hourly rate will increase from \$80 to \$85 per hour and that with COVID uncertainty and the plan update process underway, there are less education and outreach items included in the budget. The Board discussed adding in the signage program for signs at Inver Grove Heights stormwater project locations and having a 5% increase for the year.

MOTION by Reid to approve the budget with a 5% increase and with the addition of \$2,500 for signage creation for Inver Grove Heights stormwater projects, second by Eastman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Reid, Schneeman, Randle, Halvorsen, Eastman; motion passed.

6. Discuss Future LMRWMO Meeting Format

The Board discussed the potential to meet in person vs. remotely. Barten summarized the legal implications as presented by the LMRWMO legal counsel in requiring masks to attend meetings and meeting remotely after the emergency declaration has ended. There was consensus to meet remotely through December 2021 and re-evaluate at that time whether to meet remotely or in person going forward.

7. Updates and Handouts

7.1 Seidls Lake Grant Submittal

Barten noted that the grant was submitted prior to the deadline and that they hope to hear in the coming months whether funding will be provided.

7.2 Pine Bend Engineering Review

Barten said that Barr staff were preparing a scope of work for the Board to review at a future meeting.

7.3 Other Updates / Member City Updates

Member City representatives provided updates on projects in their City.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: October 13th, 2021

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 4:40 pm