



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Managers Regular Meeting
December 8, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Meeting Held Remotely Online

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, Chair - Inver Grove Heights
Julie Eastman, West St. Paul
Jill Smith, Mendota Heights
Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake

Mary Jeanne Schneeman, Mendota Heights
Michael Randle, South Saint Paul
Lyle Hanzal, Lilydale

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

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

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Sue Polka, South St. Paul
Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights
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 Eastman to approve the agenda for the current meeting, second by Randle; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Randle, Eastman, Nelson, Hanzal; motion passed.

2. Approval of the October 13th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION by Eastman to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Hanzal; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Randle, Eastman, Hanzal; motion passed. Schneeman and Nelson abstained.

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

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

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

4. FY 2022-23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Presentation

Barten presented on the upcoming funding round for the Board of Water & Soil Resources Watershed Based Implementation Funding program. Barten noted that as part of the upcoming process, the Board

will need to designate someone as the decision-making representative for the LMRWMO and that in previous funding rounds, the Administrator had served in that function.

MOTION by Eastman to designate the LMRWMO Administrator as the decision-making representative for FY 2022-2023 WBIF meetings and planning purposes, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Randle, Eastman, Nelson, Hanzal; motion passed.

5. Review of Existing LMRWMO Strategies and Policies

Williams summarized the information in the packet. The Board went through the individual items in the goals, strategies, and policies document for consideration.

The Board will resume discussion on this item at the January 2022 meeting.

6. Set 2022 Meeting Schedule and Discuss Remote vs. In Person Meetings

The Board discussed the 2022 meeting schedule and meeting remotely vs. in person.

MOTION by Schneeman to meet remotely through March 2022 and then re-assess the future, second by Hanzal; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Randle, Eastman, Nelson, Hanzal; motion passed.

7. Review and Provide Feedback on LMRWMO Website

Barten informed the Board that the site was complete and that he can still make small edits.

8. Review MN Water Stewards Application

Barten noted that only one application was received and that the Vermillion River JPO was willing to sponsor the applicant. He suggested not funding the applicant and directing them to the JPO. Barten will still attend some meetings and be in contact with the applicant through the process.

9. Updates and Handouts

9.1 Grant Tracking Update

Williams noted the upcoming grants currently in their application period.

9.2 Watershed Plan Update Status

Williams noted that TAC and CAC meetings are being scheduled for January.

9.3 TMDL Training Notes

Barten noted that he attended a TMDL training and has received notification of approval for a one-year grant extension to the Fiscal Year 2019 Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant, to now expire on Dec. 31st 2022.

9.4 Pine Bend Status Update

Barten stated that he met with with project stakeholders and is waiting on information from the I-State trucking.

9.5 Other Updates / Member City Updates

Member City representatives provided updates on projects in their City.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: January 12th, 2022 - Held Remotely

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chair Lencowski at 5:10 pm.