



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - March 9th, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.

Held Remotely Online

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, Chair - Inver Grove Heights
Michael Randle, South Saint Paul
Dan Anderson, South St. Paul
Jill Smith, Mendota Heights
Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake

Mary Jeanne Schneeman, Mendota Heights
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Julie Eastman, West St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Tom Kaldunski, Inver Grove Heights
Sue Polka, South St. Paul
Cody Joos, West St. Paul
Connye Lacombe, West St. Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Melissa King, BWSR
Steve Verante, Inver Grove Heights
Connie Fortin, Bolton & Menk

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1 Public Comment / Introductions

Audience members may address the Board regarding items not on the agenda. Please limit to three minutes.

1.2 Approval of Agenda* (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion by Eastman to approve the agenda, second by Halvorsen; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

2. Approve February 9th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve March 9th, 2022 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the financials. Barten noted that items are highlighted which were omitted from previous financial summaries but are approved Board expenditures from previous years.

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

Motion by Sutton to approve the amended budget as shown, second by Randle; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

4. Review of City of Mendota Watershed Management Plan

Barten provided background on the City of Mendota and its request for Local Water Plan Review. Kaldunski noted Mendota may not be part of the WMO due to their history of opting out of the now obsolete Gun Club WMO.

Motion by Halvorsen to direct Barr Engineering to review the plan for conformance with the LMRWMO Watershed Plan requirements and provide a summary to the LMRWMO Board, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

5. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement for the Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration

Barten explained the difference in allowable reimbursable grant costs vs. the SWCD billable rate for work towards the grant, which will be around \$34/hour for time spent by the Administrator on grant coordination and reporting, as outlined in the memo included in the packet. He noted that the WMO will need to make up the difference, which would be around \$5,000 and can be budgeted for in future years when the project is being implemented.

Motion by Eastman to authorize the Board Chair and Administrator to sign the grant agreement with the MN Department of Natural Resources for the Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration project, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

Motion by Eastman to authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement with the Cities of South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights outlining the Cities commitment of \$75,000 in matching grant funds for the Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration project, second by Sutton; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

6. Approval of Scope of Work and Execution of Agreement with Bolton & Menk

Motion by Halvorsen to authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement with Bolton & Menk as outlined in the scope of work, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

7. Approval of Scope of Work and Execution of Agreement with Young Environmental Consulting

Motion by Halvorsen to authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement with Young Environmental Consulting as outlined in the scope of work, second by Eastman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

Kaldunski suggested considering a coloring contest or print material creation for teachers to utilize for youth water resources engagement.

8. Volunteer Water Monitoring Plan for 2022 and Authorize Execution of Agreement with Met Council

Barten summarized the information in the packet and outlined the proposed plan for water monitoring within the LMRWMO and the results of monitoring from 2021.

Motion by Eastman to authorize the Administrator to sign an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for water monitoring through the Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program for the waterbodies and frequency as shown in the packet, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

9. Authorize Execution of Illicit Discharge Video Agreement with Bolton & Menk

Motion by Schneeman to authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement with Bolton & Menk for participation in the Illicit Discharge Video project as described in the scope of work, second by Randle; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton, Halvorsen; motion passed.

Kaldunski asked if diatom blooms could be addressed in the video and Barten replied that he will share that request with the consultant.

10. Review Proposed Revisions to Water Quality Performance Standards

Williams and Barten summarized the information in the packet. At the direction of the Board in January, Barr staff and the Administrator coordinated with Member City staff to obtain feedback on potential changes to water quality performance standards prior to drafting revisions. The revised standards were also discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee at their last meeting.

Murphy noted that the intent is to be consistent with MS4 requirements and therefore requested referencing the MS4 permit requirements applicable to each specific City vs. specific volume requirements because the Saint Paul MS4 permit requirements are different than other Cities. Williams noted that they will add language to note that Cities may follow MS4 requirements if they conflict with LMRWMO requirements. Kaldunski asked that the document is clear that Cities may have stormwater quality or quantity requirements more stringent than those shown.

Motion by Randle to approve the revisions to the LMRWMO water quality performance standards and incorporate them into the plan update as proposed, and designate Lake Augusta and Thompson Lake as Regulatory Waterbodies, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton; motion passed.

11. Determine Board Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2022

The Board last decided in January 2022 to meet remotely through March and then re-evaluate. Barten asked the Boards preference in meeting in person vs. remotely for the April meeting and the remainder of 2022. Schneeman offered for Mendota Heights to host the April and May Board meetings.

Motion by Randle to meet in person for the remainder of 2022 with socially distanced tables and seating, second by Schneeman; Roll call approval by Lencowski, Schneeman, Eastman, Randle, Sutton; motion passed.

12. Watershed Management Plan Update

- 12.1 Plan Update Status & Recap of Activities Since Last Board Meeting - Barr*
- 12.3 Board “Working Items” to Discuss
- 12.4 Next Steps

13. Other Updates

13.1 Interstate Valley Creek Study Scope of Work

Barten noted that he is preparing a request for proposals for the Interstate Valley Creek study and will be requesting approval of that RFP at the April Board meeting and then immediately requesting proposals from consultants.

13.2 Ideas for 2021 Newsletter Articles

Barten requested newsletter article ideas be sent to him in the next two weeks.

13.3 Repairing Links to LMRWMO Website on City Websites

Barten requested Cities look at their websites for incorrect links to the old LMRWMO website.

13.4 Member City Updates

Member City staff provided updates on current or upcoming projects.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: April 13th, 2022

15. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm