



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - October 12th, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.

City Hall, West St. Paul

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Mary Jeanne Scheeman, Mendota Heights
Sheila Vanney, West St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Karen Reid (Vice Chair), Saint Paul
Jill Smith, Mendota Heights
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Ross Beckwith, West St. Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Laura Zanmiller, Dakota County SWCD
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)

Barten requested to move agenda item #8.2 to #4.

Motion by Schneeman to approve the agenda as amended, second by Reid; motion passed.

2. Approve September 14th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Reid to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Nelson; motion passed.

3. Approve October 12th, 2022 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the financial information.

Motion by Vanney to approve the financial summary, second by Halvorsen; motion passed.

4. Review Watershed Plan Responses to Agency Comments

Williams summarized the information in the packet and the Board went through the individual comments and response from Barr and the LMRWMO Administrator. After discussion, the Board decided to only modify language regarding Sunfish Lake herbicide treatments (comment 19) and a correction to the SFL volume control standard (comment 17). Williams noted that if the Board is comfortable with Administrator approval of the final response to comments, the Board can hold a public hearing on the draft plan in November.

Motion by Sutton to approve the responses for comments with the above amendments and to allow the LMRWMO Administrator to provide final approval of the responses prior to distribution the commenting agencies, second by Schneeman; motion passed.

5. Review Year-End Budget Projection

Barten provided an update on the year-end finances for the LMRWMO and summarized the information in the packet. He noted that to maintain a higher fund balance prior to grant reimbursements, the LMRWMO could ask member Cities for 2023 member dues earlier than usual. There was Board consensus that this would be an acceptable approach, though some member Cities may not pay dues until after the end of the fiscal/calendar year.

6. Discuss 2023 Budget, Member Dues, SWCD Agreement for Services and MN Water Stewards Participation

The Board discussed a 5% or 10% increase in member dues to accommodate the 2023 work plan and budget. Ultimately, a 10% increase was preferred to include the MN Water Steward program for two participants and to provide a shoreline focused Landscaping for Clean Water presentation in 2023.

Motion by Vanney to approve a 10% increase in the member dues from 2022 to 2023, with the associated 10% increase budget as shown in the packet, and authorize the Board Chair to execute an agreement with the Dakota County SWCD for 2023 services as shown in the packet, second by Nelson; motion passed.

7. Updates & Handouts

Barten provided a status update of current/active and past LMRWMO grants and projects in the packet.

8. Other Member City Updates

Member City staff provided updates on current or upcoming projects.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for **November 9th at the West St. Paul City Hall**

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm