



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - January 11th, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

South St. Paul Airport – Fleming Field

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Mary Jeanne Schneeman, Mendota Heights
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Julie Eastman, West St. Paul
Daniel Anderson, South St. Paul
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Ross Beckwith, West St. 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. Those present introduced themselves for the benefit of new City staff and BWSR staff in attendance.

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

Motion by Eastman to approve the agenda, second by Anderson; motion passed.

2. Election of Officers

Motion by Lencowski to keep current Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer) for 2023, second by Eastman; motion passed.

3. Approve December 14th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Eastman to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Sutton; motion passed.

4. Approve January 11th, 2022 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the financial information.

Motion by Eastman to approve the financial summary, second by Sutton; motion passed.

5. Proposed Work Plan from Dakota County SWCD for the Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration Project

Barten noted that this is a grant that the LMRWMO has not participated in before and that the LMRWMO can only be reimbursed by the MN DNR for the SWCD actual staff rate plus some overhead. This means the LMRWMO will have to cover the remainder of costs for staff time which could be approximately 50% of the SWCD billable rate. This could be looked at as additional match for the grant. There was general consensus from the Board that this a was necessary and acceptable aspect of the grant that is outweighed by the \$382,000 grant award from the MN DNR.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the proposed work plan with the Dakota County SWCD, noting that only a portion of the cost is reimbursable through the grant, and authorize the LMRWMO Board Chair to execute an agreement for the work with the SWCD on behalf of the LMRWMO Board, second by Anderson; motion passed.

6. Agreement Extension with WSB for the Interstate Valley Creek Study

Motion by Eastman to amend and extend the existing agreement with WSB to align with the new grant deadline and authorize the LMRWMO Board Chair to execute an amendment agreement with WSB on behalf of the LMRWMO Board, second by Eastman; motion passed.

7. Agreement Extension with Barr Engineering for the Lake Augusta Study

Motion by Anderson to amend and extend the existing agreement with Barr Engineering to align with the new grant deadline and authorize the LMRWMO Board Chair to execute an amendment agreement with Barr Engineering on behalf of the LMRWMO Board, second by Eastman; motion passed.

8. Funding for Adopt-A-Drain Program Welcome Kits

Barten provide information on the cost to provide kits to new (and/or) old participants in the program. Without any MN Water Stewards applications this year there will be around \$3,000 in unspent Water Steward budget that could go towards welcome kits.

Motion by Anderson to provide welcome kits as shown in the packet to new 2023 LMRWMO Adopt-A-Drain participants and past 2022 participants, second by Eastman; motion passed.

9. Watershed Management Plan Update

The draft plan went before the Board of Water & Soil Resources Central Committee on January 5th for preliminary review with Barten and Williams presenting. The Committee recommended approval to the full BWSR Board at their January 25th meeting.

10. Other Member City Updates

Member City staff provided updates on current or upcoming projects.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8th, 2023 at the Lilydale City Hall.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 pm