



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - February 8th, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Lilydale City Hall

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Julie Eastman, West St. Paul
Michael Randle, South St. Paul
Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake

Karen Reid (Vice Chair), Saint Paul
Jill Smith, Mendota Heights
Dawn Gaetke, Inver Grove Heights

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Andrew Hogg, Saint Paul
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Cody Joos, West St. Paul
Laura Zanmiller, Dakota County SWCD
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

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)

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

2. Approve January 11th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve February 8th, 2022 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the financial information. Smith suggested not printing the entire financial summary and include it at the end of the full packet as an addendum for future meetings. There was consensus by the Board to do this going forward.

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

4. Fiscal Year 2021 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Consultant

Barten explained that in recent studies, the LMRWMO has both gone directly to Barr Engineering and also solicited proposals from multiple engineering firms for work such as that described in the FY-21 WBIF work plan. He asked for Board direction on whether to seek outside proposals for this work. The Board discussed the benefit for such a large project in receiving competitive proposals and seeing what different approaches may exist. Barten will prepare a draft scope of work for review at a future meeting.

Motion by Reid to solicit up to five proposals for the FY-21 WBIF engineering study, second by Randle; motion passed.

5. Fiscal Year 2023 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant

Barten provided the approved grant application for the FY-23 WBIF grant plan and noted that he is translating the application into a grant work plan which will very closely mirror the application. He asked for Board authorization to execute an agreement with the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources once the work plan is finalized to begin receiving grant funds.

Motion by Reid to authorize the Administrator and Board Chair to execute an agreement for the FY-23 WBIF grant, second by Randle; motion passed.

6. Watershed Management Plan Update

Barten noted that the draft Watershed Management Plan update was approved by the full MN Board of Water & Soil Resources on January 25, 2023. He noted that the final step is adoption by the LMRWMO Board of the new Plan.

Motion by Eastman to pass resolution #23-001 as shown in the meeting packet to adopt the updated LMRWMO Watershed Management Plan, second by Randle; motion passed.

The Board discussed options to utilize remaining budget from the contract with Barr Engineering on the plan update. Barten and Williams will bring forward refined suggestions at a future meeting for utilizing that budget which may include updating lake factsheets with implementation information, updating website content, or creating a more visually appealing Plan executive summary.

7. Other Member City Updates

Barten provided an update on the Landscaping for Clean Water program and upcoming 2023 classes. Member City staff provided updates on current or upcoming projects.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 pm