



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - November 8th, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.
West St. Paul City Hall

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Karen Reid (Vice-Chair), Saint Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights

Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake
Dawn Gaetke, Inver Grove Heights
Michael Randle, South St. Paul
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Brian Jastram, Rock Leaf Water Env.
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Cody Joos, West St. Paul
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 Nelson to approve the agenda, second by Sutton; motion passed.

2. Approve October 11th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve November 8th, 2023 Financial Summary & Invoices

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

4. Presentation on PCBs and PFOS by Ali Ling, Assistant Professor – University of St. Thomas

Ling presented on PCBs and PFOS, their sources, presence in waterbodies, and potential for sampling, and health concerns. She noted that a literature review would be a good first step. The Board discussed options on utilizing the Monsanto settlement funding for testing of these compounds in the future.

Motion by Halvorsen to request pooling of funds from LMRWMO Member Cities for further study of the presence of PCBs and PFOS in LMRWMO Waterbodies, second by Randle; motion passed.

Barten will reach out to MN Pollution Control Agency staff first to clarify the current extent of monitoring that has been done on these two compounds and then Cities to clarify potential use of the funds for a joint monitoring effort for PCBs and PFOS in LMRWMO waterbodies.

5. LMRWMO and Dakota County SWCD 2024 Work Plan for Services

Barten summarized the services proposed to continue to provide for the LMRWMO for 2024 for administration, education, water monitoring, project management, and project implementation.

Motion by Sutton to approve the 2024 LMRWMO and SWCD agreement for services and for the Board Chair to execute an agreement with the Dakota County SWCD for those services, second by Halvorsen; motion passed.

6. Identification of Financial Depository

Barten summarized the information in the packet and noted that for financial simplification and maximizing interest, the LMRWMO should utilize Gateway Bank as it's only banking institution and transfer all LMRWMO funds from Key Community Bank to Gateway Bank.

Motion by Gaetke to set Gateway Bank in Mendota Heights as the sole financial depository/banking institution for LMRWMO funds, until otherwise changed by the LMRWMO Board, second by Sutton; motion passed.

7. Updates & Handouts

7.2 City Staff provided updates on relevant topics and projects in their City. Pilgrim note the importance of street sweeping for water quality and Barten that a presentation could be arranged for a future meeting on the topic.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 13th, 2023 at the West St. Paul City Hall.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 pm