



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - December 13th, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.
West St. Paul City Hall

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake
Steve Gebauer, Mendota Heights
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

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

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights
Greg Wilson, Barr Engineering
Brian Jastram, Rock Leaf Water Env.
Joe Nunez, Mendota Heights
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Cody Joos, West St. Paul
Lucas Ritchie, Mendota Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering
Kitty Haight, Mendota Heights
Barbara Kaufman, Mendota Heights

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)

Sutton requested moving switching agenda items #4 and #5 as show.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the agenda as amended, second by Miller; motion passed.

2. Approve November 8th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve December 13th, 2023 Financial Summary & Invoices

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

4. Approve 2024 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Sutton to approve the 2024 meeting schedule as proposed, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

5. Presentation on the Lake Augusta Feasibility Study

Greg Wilson presented on the findings of the Lake Augusta Feasibility study and noted that the report is in final draft form, to be finalized after the Board meeting. He explained the water monitoring efforts to inform lake pollutant load modeling, noting the various phosphorus sources. Wilson explained the impact that the cormorant population, which has increased over the last 20 years, are presumed to have on the water quality, based on research and counts of bird populations by a lake resident. The next steps for study and implementation were discussed and are included in the report.

6. Updates & Handouts

6.1 Williams noted the grant tracking spreadsheet is updated and included in the packet.

6.2 Barten summarized the grant status memo provided in the packet.

6.3 Barten noted that Mendota Heights and Inver Grove Heights offered to host LMRMWO stenciling kits. Joos said that West St. Paul could host one as well. Barten will organize a stenciling meeting in late winter of 2024 with staff from the three Cities.

6.4 City Staff provided updates on relevant topics and projects in their City.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2024 at the West St. Paul City Hall.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 pm