



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - March 13th, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Fleming Field – South St. Paul Airport

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Karen Reid (Vice-Chair), Saint Paul
Michael Randle, South St. Paul
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Cody Joos, West St. Paul
Greg Genz, Friends of Pool 2
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights
Nick Guilliams, South St. Paul
Conor Resnikoff, South St. Paul
Connie Fortin, Bolton & Menk
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)

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the agenda, second by Pilgrim; motion passed.

2. Approve February 14th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve March 13th, 2024 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances.

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

4. Presentation on Low Salt Design by Connie Fortin from Bolton & Menk

Fortin provided a presentation on strategies for Cities, developers, and designers to re-think how we design our landscapes, developments, and roadways to minimize the need for chloride (road salt) in winter.

5. Approve 2024 Water Monitoring Plan and Metropolitan Council's CAMP Program Lakes

The Board discussed the proposed plan to monitor lakes within the watershed via the Metropolitan Council's Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). This program enlists volunteers who collect samples with assistance from Dakota SWCD staff on program management, data collection, and analysis. Miller suggested adding Lily Lake to the schedule proposed in the packet and volunteered to do the monitoring. Pilgrim asked about the potential to track lake grades over time and Barten noted he will look into that.

Motion by Reid to approve the list of lakes to be included in CAMP monitoring as proposed in the packet, with the addition of Lily Lake in West St. Paul for up to seven monitoring events and to authorize the LMRWMO Administrator to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the 2024 CAMP monitoring program and sample analysis, second by Randle; motion passed.

Greg Genz provided an update on relevant activities and initiatives such as the River Watch Program and Mississippi River Initiative, which the Friends of Pool 2 are monitoring.

6. Updates & Handouts

Barten provided an update on the Landscaping for Clean Water program and upcoming classes. The April 8th natural shoreline workshop details were provided, and Barten noted that the SWCD can assist in direct postcard mailings should anyone want to target a specific lake to encourage residents to attend. The 2023 Adopt-A-Drain report was provided to the Board for review. Barten noted that he had sent the contaminant monitoring request letter to all the member Cities and is still awaiting a response from 4 of the 7. Barten requested suggestions for the LMRWMO E-Newsletter articles and people to be included in the email list. The Board was informed of an existing E-Newsletter from the University of Minnesota and the MN Stormwater Seminar Series, at the suggestion of Leslie Pilgrim, to sign up for and consider participating in the monthly educational seminars. Member Cities provided updates on relevant projects in their municipalities.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 with the next Board meeting scheduled for April 10th, 2024 at Lilydale City Hall.