



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - May 8th, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Lilydale City Hall

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Dawn Gaetke, Inver Grove Heights
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Michael Randle, South St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Steve Gebauer, Mendota Heights
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Laura Zanmiller, Dakota County SWCD
Kelly Perrine, Vermillion River JPO
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Cody Joos, West St. Paul
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Thana Ross, League of Women Voters
Valerie Nepl, Dakota County
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 Gebauer; motion passed.

2. Approve April 10th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kleinberg to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

3. Approve May 8th, 2024 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances.

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

4. Request for Funding for Landscaping for Clean Water and Water Conservation Marketing Campaign

Barten explained the request for funding that was included in the packet. The LMRWMO Board had discussed and tabled the decision on this topic at the January 2024 Board Meeting. The project partners have provided additional information, which is included in the packet. Kelly Perrine further explained the

goals, partners, and process for the campaign. The Board discussed the timeline, funding structure, ownership of information, and quantification of success.

Motion by Halvorsen to authorize \$7,500 in funding in 2025 towards the joint Landscaping for Clean Water and Water Conservation Campaign and video creation, authorizing the Administrator to provide partners a letter of commitment of funding, and authorizing the LMRWMO Chair to execute an agreement for the joint project with the partners on behalf of the LMRWMO Board, second by Sutton; motion passed.

5. Submittal of the 2023 LMRWMO Audit to the State of MN

The 2023 Audit was presented to the Board and the Administrator recommended submittal to the State of MN.

Motion by Jastram to authorize submittal of the 2023 Audit, second by Miller; motion passed.

6. League of MN Cities Liability Waiver

The LMRWMO Board can choose to waive or not waive the statutory tort limits through the League of MN Cities for LMRWMO insurance. The Administrator noted that past practice and the recommendation of legal counsel is to not waive the statutory tort limits.

Motion by Gebauer to not waive the statutory tort limits, second by Randle; motion passed.

7. Updates & Handouts

7.1: Grant and Project Updates – Barten provided an memo with updates on the status of upcoming, current, and recently completed LMRWMO grants and projects.

7.2: Grant Tracking – Williams summarized relevant grants available for the WMO and Member Cities.

7.3: Member City Updates - City Staff provided brief updates on relevant projects in their Cities.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 with the next Board meeting scheduled for June 12th, 2024 at First Calvary Baptist Church in Sunfish Lake.