



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – July 10th, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
First Calvary Baptist Church

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Steve Gebauer, Mendota Heights
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Karen Reid, Saint Paul
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale
Shannon Nelson, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Michael MiKinney, 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 Reid to approve the agenda, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

2. Approve May 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve July 10th, 2024 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances.

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

4. Presentation on Stormwater Modeling from Barr Engineering

The LMRWMO implementation plan includes both hydrology & hydraulic (H&H) water modeling and water quality modeling for the LMRWMO to be completed in the next 10 years. Current water modeling is disjointed across LMRWMO member Cities in its age, type, and level of detail. There may be interesting in moving that implementation timeline up to benefit LMRWMO member Cities.

Michael Kinney from Barr Engineering provided a comprehensive presentation to the Board on the various components of H&H and water quality modeling, what they are, how the modeling is completed, and what the goals and purpose of the modeling can be. Merchlewicz suggested further discussion on the mission, vision, and goals of a LMRWMO modeling effort.

5. Proposed 2025 Budget and Member Dues

Barten explained that the Board has reviewed two versions of the draft 2025 budget, along with 8 year budget projections, and provided a final 2025 budget and member dues for approval.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the 2025 LMRWMO Budget and Member Dues as shown in the packet, second by Reid; motion passed.

6. Member City Updates

City Advisors provided updates on relevant projects in their Cities. Barten provided updates on the Seidls Lake shoreline restoration project, the Mississippi River direct drainage study, the Butler Avenue stormwater BMP study and potential Watershed Based Implementation Funding project, and the tour he provided to statewide Board of Water & Soil Resources Board Conservationists on LMRWMO projects.

7. Grant Application

Williams noted that the deadline for the Accelerated Implementation grant is coming up in August. He suggested creating a grant application for the Thompson Lake and Rogers Lake sub-watershed assessments.

Motion by Gebauer to authorize Barr to prepare a grant application for sub-watershed assessments for Thompson and Rogers Lakes in coordination with the LMRWMO Administrator, second by Miller; motion passed.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 with the next Board meeting scheduled for August 14th, 2024 at First Calvary Baptist Church in Sunfish Lake.