



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - October 9th, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Community Center, Inver Grove Heights

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Dawn Gaetke, Inver Grove Heights
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

Karen Reid (Vice-Chair), Saint Paul
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Nick Guilliams, South St. Paul
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Victoria Ranua, Dakota County SWCD

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering
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)

Barten recommended that the discussion on the Lake Augusta feasibility study, agenda item #4, be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the agenda with item number 4 removed and tabled for the next meeting, second by Miller; motion passed.

2. Approve August 14th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve October 9th, 2024 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances.

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

4. Review Draft 2025 Dakota County SWCD Work Plan and Services

Barten summarized the information included in the packet, noting that there was an increase in the SWCD hourly rate of \$5/hour and that the agreement includes \$10,000 in matching funds for staff time towards the Interstate Valley Creek stabilization project and grant. Otherwise, the work plan is similar to past years.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the 2025 SWCD work plan and authorize the Board Chair to execute an agreement for services with the Dakota County SWCD, second by Pilgrim; motion passed.

5. Updates & Handouts

Grant Tracking: Williams provided an update on upcoming grants.

Groundwater Conservation & LCW Marketing Campaign: Barten provided an update on the marketing campaign and video shoots for this outreach effort funded in part by the LMRWMO. Pilgrim requested that Board members receive information to share via social media to help inform the public about WMO programs. Barten noted that they will include that in the outreach package for 2025.

Project Updates: Barten provided an update on the Seidls Lake project, Direct Drainage Study project, and discussions surrounding Lake Augusta. Pilgrim asked about the opportunity for the Board to review the study. Barten noted that the project scope included staff review of the draft study but not Board review. Pilgrim requested that future studies and/or scopes of work include Board review prior to final draft creation.

Member City Updates: City Advisors and Members provided updates on relevant projects in their cities.

6. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 with the next Board meeting scheduled for November 13th, 2024 at the Veterans Memorial Community Center.