



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - December 11th, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Wellstone Center, Saint Paul

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Daniel Anderson, South St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Steve Gebauer (Sec/Tres) , Mendota Heights
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Michael Randle, South St. Paul
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights
Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Brady Zeug, Saint Paul
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering
Kitty Haight, Mendota Heights
Francie Cuthbert, UofM
Laura Zanmiller, Dakota County SWCD

Lucas Richie, Mendota Heights
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Kelsey Gelhar, South St. Paul
Greg Wilson, Barr Engineering
Jan Mortland, Mendota Heights
Kenneth Dodge, Mendota Heights
Greg Genz, Friends of Pool 2
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 Sutton to approve the agenda, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

2. Approve November 13th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve December 11th, 2024 Financial Summary & Invoices

Ruzek provided a summary of the finances.

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

4. Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Sutton to approve the 2025 meeting schedule as shown in the packet, second by Jastram; motion passed.

5. Salt Week Chloride Education Funding Request

Barten summarized the information in the packet related to funding for an educational display and supplies for a "Salt Week" chloride reduction effort at Dakota County Libraries within the LMRWMO. The Board requested that a Green Corps member present on the results of the effort to the LMRWMO and for results of the chloride test strips. If funding is to be requested in the future, the Board requested more input on audience and content related to chloride reduction.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve up to \$300 towards the Salt Week chloride reduction efforts as outlined in the packet materials, second by Sutton; motion passed.

6. Presentation on Cormorant Populations and Lake Augusta

Barten presented on the recent known history/background and photos on the cormorant population at Lake Augusta in Mendota Heights.

Francie Cuthbert, recently retired professor in the Fisheries, Wildlife, & Conservation Biology department at the University of Minnesota, presented on cormorants and their habits, habitat, migration patterns, population numbers, and management options. She noted that it is assumed that the birds at Lake Augusta are primarily migratory and not nesting. It is possible they are feeding during the day on the river and returning, or new groups of birds are regularly coming and going at the lake during migration. She discussed options, considerations, and unknown or unintended consequences with hazing/harassing and culling the bird population. She discussed options for further study of the birds via counts, studies, and tagging and tracking, which could be done by a consultant, or perhaps through the University of Minnesota as a research project.

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

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 with the next Board meeting scheduled for January 8th, 2025 at The Wellstone Center in Saint Paul.