

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Washington Conservation District  
January 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Jacobson, St. Mary's Point; Ron Fredkove, Baytown; Randy Nelson, Afton; David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Janet Simonson, Lake St. Croix Beach; Torry Kraftson, Bayport; and Amy Carolan, Administrator.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kraftson, seconded by Mr. Polehna, moved to approve the December minutes. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$67,968.73 after a transfer of \$39,920.76 to the RBC savings account (last months transfer did not occur). Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$55,146.23. The ending 4M balance was \$31,960.03. Kylo reported that there were six bills to be approved: Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$3,008.50; Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$3,904.40; Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$1,250.00; Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$2,967.23; Great River Greening in the amount of \$2,500.00; and James Maiser in the amount of \$1,650.00.

Mr. Polehna, seconded by Mr. Kraftson, moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills presented. The motion was carried.

**Lake St. Croix Beach Local Surface Water Management Plan**

Administrator Carolan reported that a final draft of the submission from Lake St. Croix Beach was received. She stated the Watershed Management Organization's water management plan was adopted and the comments were addressed. Carolan reported that MET Council approved the plan, and she recommended the board approve it.

Mr. Kraftson, seconded by Ms. Jacobson, moved to approve. The motion was carried.

**Update on Member Community's SWMPs**

Administrator Carolan provided a table as a reminder that lists which communities have not made their submission.

**2010 League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Renewal**

Administrator Carolan reported that the attorney suggested not waiving the limits. Mr. Zeller questioned if errors and omissions coverage was included. Carolan reported that it was listed as not being covered, but that additional coverage can be purchased.

Mr. Kraftson, seconded by Mr. Fredkove, moved to approve the renewal as is and not waive limits, and ask Administrator Carolan to check with the attorney on whether errors and omissions coverage is recommended. The motion was carried.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control Performance Standards, Sub-Committee Formation**

Administrator Carolan stated that Mr. Kraftson and Mr. Nelson had expressed interest in being on a subcommittee to review the erosion and sediment control performance standards. Mr. Kylo stated he would also be interested.

### **2008 Annual Audit**

Administrator Carolan reported that the 2008 audit was complete and was included in the board packet for that evening's meeting.

### **BMP Reimbursement**

Administrator Carolan reported that a bill was received from Great River Greening for the Watershed Management Organization's portion of the BMP for the Lily Lake Boat Launch project. She recommended the bill be paid.

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Kylo, moved to approve the reimbursement. The motion was carried.

### **DNR Community Conservation Assistance Grants**

Administrator Carolan reported that grant funds are available for application. She suggested that if a community had a project idea to let her know. She stated the program had \$80,000 to give for the first half of the year. Carolan reported that applications were due on Tuesday, January 19, but that there was a second round due in June.

### **Stormwater Retrofit Assessment Model**

Administrator Carolan reported that the Anoka Conservation District was working on a program for sub-watersheds on water quality BMP assessments. She reported that the program had \$50,000 available but that there would probably be a lot of competition. Carolan reported she had not spoken with the City of Stillwater but thought that either Lily Lake or McKusick Lake would be a good project.

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet, moved to allow staff to move forward with this program. The motion was carried.

### **Resolution 2005 – 36; Alternative Financial Options to Discuss with the City of Stillwater**

Mr. Beaudet provided a background on the Resolution. He reported that the Watershed Management Organization passed the text for the Resolution, and all communities approved it except West Lakeland. He stated that a bill was introduced into the House but could not get a hearing on the House side or the Senate side. Mr. Beaudet reported that the Watershed Management Organization needed to be recognized as a taxing district.

Mr. Kraftson suggested that the cities could pay the tax through stormwater utility. Administrator Carolan reported that she could look into how Vadnais Heights

was doing it and what legislation may be needed. She stated she could speak with the City of Stillwater to discuss options.

### **Plan Reviews/Submittals**

7th Street Subdivision: Administrator Carolan reported that the submittal was received, the review was completed, and that it met requirements with a few comments. She provided the board with a proposed comment letter to be sent to the applicant.

Mr. Kraftson, seconded by Mr. Polehna, moved to approve the comments letter. The motion was carried.

DNR Permit – Structural Load Testing: Mr. Beaudet reported that MnDOT wanted to do a test drilling in the St. Croix River for the proposed bridge project. Administrator Carolan stated she did not know if that work triggered any of the Watershed Management Organization's rules for review. Mr. Beaudet suggested waiting until the next meeting to discuss comments. Mr. Kraftson stated he did not see how the project falls under the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization's jurisdiction, so suggested not making any comments.

Mr. Beaudet, seconded by Mr. Zeller, moved to direct Administrator Carolan to ignore the DNR permit at that time. The motion was carried.

### **Administrator's Report**

Administrator Carolan provided a written report. She requested the board members pay special attention to the upcoming events on the report.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet, moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. The motion was carried.