

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
April 8th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Jacobson, St. Mary's Point; Ron Fredkove, Baytown; David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Connie Carlson, Bayport; Randy Nelson, Afton; Amy Carolan, Administrator; and Shari Larkin, Secretary.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Ms. Jacobsen, moved to approve the March minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$87,242.99 after a transfer of \$30,000.00 to the RBC savings account. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$45,383.03. The ending 4M balance was \$31,967.92. Mr. Kylo reported that there was one bill to be approved: League of MN Cities in the amount of \$2,058.00.

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Ms. Carlson, moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bill presented. The motion was carried.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Bayport Storm Sewer

Chair Beaudet reported that the trash guard was ordered this week after WHERE City Council approved the decision. That project will be done in 6-8 weeks. The as-builts are almost completed.

Rural Subwatershed Assessment Proposal

At last month's meeting, Pete Young from Washington Conservation District talked about the Subwatershed Assessment that will be done on Lily and McKusick Lakes free of charge. Also discussed at that meeting was looking at developing a Rural Subwatershed Assessment where instead of working in developed areas like Stillwater, we would be looking at places like West Lakeland Township and Baytown Township and the parts of Afton that are in MSCWMO that are more agricultural. We would be looking for areas that have the most pollutant loads to our water bodies. We would be able to find those areas through this assessment and better locate best management practice areas to target. Administrator Carolan discussed the costs with Pete Young, and Pete thought it would cost around \$10,000 to complete the assessment. Administrator Carolan then discussed the costs with Jay Riggs, and since there will be a learning curve, the WCD

will provide about \$4,000 cash or in-kind. The remaining \$6,000 will be our responsibility and will come out of the general fund. Mr. Zeller moved to approve going ahead with the Rural Subwatershed Assessment, and also the funding source. Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion carried.

St. Croix River Crossing Project

Administrator Carolan talked to the Project Manager. The big focus of the last meeting was on winter operations and how snow clearing would be handled on the bridge, and how that would affect the St. Croix. The next meeting will be held in May and each organizations permitting process will probably be discussed. Administrator Carolan plans to attend.

Stormwater Audit

Perro Creek Update – Administrator Carolan was out this week talking to residents about preventing pollution into Perro Creek. Manuals were handed out that discussed best management practices, who they can contact for further assistance, and MSCWMO's grant programs. About 30 audits have been conducted so far. There has been interest from landowners in MSCWMO sponsoring a clean up day in the fall.

Pristine Wetland Update – An audit has also been started on the Pristine Wetland in West Lakeland Township. There are only about five property owners on the wetland. Administrator Carolan has already talked to two of them.

Lake St. Croix Beach Native Buffer Grant RFP

We received a BWSR Native Buffer Grant late last year to do some work on the bluff in Lake St. Croix Beach by the public swimming beach. It's a \$20,000 grant with the City providing \$6,000 for a match. Sentence to Serve has been going in and clearing the brush. At this point it needs to be seeded and stabilized. Administrator Carolan has put together an RFQ to look for consultants that can do the seeding and major planting. The City residents would like to do some volunteer work as well. Administrator Carolan has developed performance standards for the follow-up maintenance and will bring the proposals to the May meeting. A motion to approve the RFQ was made by Mr. Zeller. Mr. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

BMP Program

Administrator Carolan stated that there were three new projects to review and consider for funding. Paul Bruesh and Linda Roehl, \$1,200 request; Oak Park Heights raingarden, \$1,000 request; and Sunnyside II increase, \$250 request. Administrator Carolan stated that Paul Bruesh and Linda Roehl have been applying for the grant program for the past three years and funding has always run out before their request has been granted, so she put them first this year. A motion to approve the request for Mr. Bruesh and Ms. Roehl was made by Mr. Fredkove and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Oak Park Heights raingarden was made by Mr. Fredkove and seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Sunnyside II increase was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Beaudet. Motion carried. If all of these projects are approved, there will still be \$4,500 available in the program.

Management of MSCWMO Pristine Wetland

Critical Connections completed our MnRAMM assessment in 2005. Administrator Carolan asked them if we were going to do management of that wetland to keep its functions and values where they are right now and what management activities would be required. They recommend a prescribed burn to keep the vegetation rejuvenated and keep things cycling the way they should. Administrator Carolan asked for a bid for the burn and was told it would cost \$500. The burn can't happen this spring as things have greened too much already, but we should think about it for the fall. The burn should happen every five years. A motion to approve setting aside \$500 for a prescribed burn in the fall was made by Mr. Nelson. Seconded by Mr. Fredkove. Motion carried.

Plan Reviews/Submittals

Stormpond Excavation – City of Stillwater: The City of Stillwater is proposing to lead a stormpond excavation. They have met all the submittal requirements, policy performance and standards. Administrator Carolan recommended that we approve the letter and comments as they appeared. A motion was made by Mr. Fredkove and seconded by Ms. Carlson to approve to submittal. Motion carried.

Hubbard Residence, Lakeland – 1175 Quinlan: The Hubbard property is proposing to move forward with some of the construction that was previously approved and they have asked if they would be required to complete another watershed review with MSCWMO. Administrator Carolan went through the minutes and old plans with Pete Young and Jay Riggs and they determined that if the Hubbards are sticking with the plans from December 17th, those have already been approved by MSCWMO. They just need to follow the comments made at that time.

Greenbrier Apartments – Oak Park Heights: Greenbrier Apartments has come to us with their proposed infiltration designs as they have been required to do. They will hopefully be in by May.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Carolan provided a written report. There is a bird conservation workshop on April 29th at William O'Brien State Park from 6:30-8:30.

Adjourn

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Ms. Carlson, moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. The motion was carried.