

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Washington Conservation District  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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; Randy Nelson, Afton; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Janet Simonson, Lake St. Croix Beach; Torry Kraftson, Bayport; Amy Carolan, Administrator; and Shari Larkin, Secretary.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report, which included the months of May and June. He reported that the remaining checking account balance as of the end of June was \$104,119.48. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$15,228.74. The ending 4M balance was \$31,967.92. Mr. Kylo reported that there were three bills to be approved: Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$13,734.81, Shari Larkin in the amount of \$97.50, and Boutwell's Landing in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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

**Public Comments**

No members of the public were present.

**Old Business**

**2009 Water Monitoring Report**

Erik Anderson of Washington Conservation District reported the findings in the 2009 water monitoring report.

**Lake St. Croix Beach Bluffland RFQ**

About a year ago, an \$18,000 grant was received from BWSR to do a bluffland restoration in Lake St. Croix Beach. There is a total of \$26,000 to use on the project due to the City's match. Recently, an RFQ was sent out to restoration companies.

Administrator Carolan tried for four Proposals, but only received responses from Bonestroo and Minnesota Native Landscapes. Administrator Carolan and Ms. Simonson from Lake St. Croix Beach reviewed and discussed the two proposals and had decided that Minnesota Native Landscapes had the greater proposal. After discussion with Board members, they would like Administrator Carolan to ask Minnesota Native Landscapes to re-submit their proposal, with identical parameters to the Bonestroo proposal. A motion

was made by Mr. Kylo, seconded by Mr. Zeller, to bring this item back at the August meeting. Motion carried.

### **Lily and McKusick Lake Subwatershed Assessment Update**

A grant was received from Metro Conservation Districts to do the Subwatershed Assessment for Lily and McKusick lakes. Once the assessment is completed, there will be \$50,000 for cost-share implementation. The fieldwork has been finished. A report should be available for review at the August meeting. Once the report is approved, projects implementation can begin.

### **Saint Croix River Association Grant Applications - City of Stillwater and City of Bayport (\$70,000.00)**

Applications were submitted to the St. Croix River Association for the City of Stillwater (for increasing stormwater management on City street projects), and the City of Bayport (for retrofits along Perro Creek). MSCWMO was informed a couple weeks ago that they had been recommended for these two projects for a total of \$70,000. In-kind match will be coming from the two cities and MSCWMO for a total of \$140,000 in projects.

### **New Business**

#### **Second half contribution requests**

An example letter was included in the packet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half request letters that have gone out.

### **Stillwater Joint Meeting Update**

A joint meeting between the City of Stillwater, Brown's Creek Watershed District, and the Middle St. Croix WMO was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Beaudet attended the meeting as the Board Chair. Administrator Carolan also attended the meeting. Mr. Beaudet stated that it is really a meeting that is run by Brown's Creek Watershed District. At the meeting there was much discussion about the diversion structure and its problems relating to McKusick Lake. Residents living on McKusick Lake were also present. Since the meeting there has been some discussion about whether or not the City of Stillwater should consider leaving the WMO. As of the July meeting, the City of Stillwater had not paid their second half dues and had decided to hold back payment until more information could be gathered. The MSCWMO board felt that the WMO should not dissolve and were in favor of having discussions with the City of Stillwater regarding the issue. Discussion regarding the topic ensued. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Zeller, to have Melissa Lewis (BWSR), Jay Riggs (WCD) and Administrator Carolan meet with the City of Stillwater to discuss this topic further. Motion carried.

### **St. Croix River Boat Tour**

The St. Croix Boat Tour will be held on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. MSCWMO is donating \$500 to the boat cruise this year. The Board would like to request that its members (and a family member) are admitted for free.

## **MLCCS Update**

Currently, MLCCS data is based on the 2005 aerials and the WCD is proposing to update MLCCS mapping based on the County's 2009 aerial photos, which were distributed this spring. MLCCS is used a lot for plan reviews or applications. The cost estimate for MSCWMO would be between \$2,392.50 and \$4,510 for approximately 37 sections. If MSCWMO did wish to participate, it would be a line item to include in the 2011 budget. It was decided to not update the MLCCS at this time.

## **BMP Program**

### New Projects

Administrator Carolan stated that there were four new projects to review and consider for funding. JC Ballfields, \$1,000.00 request; City of Bayport, \$1,000.00 request; City of Lake St. Croix Beach, design assistance would be provided, with hopes of some funding for materials; and David Neuman, \$500.00 request. A request was made to run the JC Ballfields project by the school district prior to approval. Mr. Fredkove approved that motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pohlen. Motion carried. A motion to approve the request for City of Bayport was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried. A motion to approve providing design assistance for the Lake St. Croix Beach projects, but not granting any funding at this time was made by Mr. Zeller, and seconded by Mr. Kraftson. If no additional BMP projects come in prior to the next Board meeting, funding for materials may go to LSCB at that time. Motion carried. A motion to approve the request for David Neuman was made by Mr. Kraftson and seconded by Mr. Zeller. Motion carried. With the approval of these projects, there is \$950.00 available.

### Project Reimbursements

A check will be sent to Boutwell's Landing for their final payment of \$1,500.00. The native buffer planting on the Boutwell's property was completed per plans.

## **Plan Reviews/Submittals**

### Stillwater Street Improvements

The Pine Tree Trail Stillwater Street Improvement Project was approved in June. The project has met the necessary requirements.

### ALDI Retail Facility – Oak Park Heights

Proposed ALDI project met all policies and performance standards. ALDI's is proposing to build a new retail center and a parking lot at the intersection of Nova Scotia and the Highway 36 Frontage Road. A motion to approve the ALDI plans was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet. Motion carried.

### Lakeview Hospital - Stillwater

Lakeview Hospital is proposing to expand. The majority of policies and performance standards were met in the submittal with a few minor exceptions. The proposed bioinfiltration system needs some revisions to meet standards, as it is too deep, in addition to their planting plan needing revisions. Administrator Carolan has discussed these items with their Project Engineer and changes are being made. It is recommended

to grant conditional approval of this project. A motion was made by Mr. Beaudet, seconded by Mr. Fredkove, to grant conditional approval of the project. Motion carried.

### **Administrator's Report**

Administrator Carolan provided a written report. Mr. Zeller and Administrator Carolan submitted an application for community conservation assistance for the City of Lakeland's vegetative planning ordinance so that it is more in line with St. Croix Riverway's language. Projects should be awarded in August. Also, there was a native buffer grant that the WCD received (about \$80,000) to do restoration at Grey Cloud Island. That project fell through, so Administrator Carolan is trying to get some of that money for MSCWMO.

### **Other Agenda Items**

Fiscal policies will be discussed in August.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet, moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. The motion was carried.