

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
November 10th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: David Beudet, Oak Park Heights; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Randy Nelson, Afton; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Amy Carolan, Administrator and Shari Larkin, secretary.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

One change requested is to delete Cindie Reiter from members in attendance of the October meeting. A motion to approve the October 13th, 2011 minutes as changed was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Anderson. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$61,238.50. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,019.26. The ending 4M balance is \$31,976.65. Mr. Kylo reported that there were seven bills to be approved: Anoka Conservation District in the amount of \$2,084.06; Dragonfly Gardens in the amount of \$1,156.60, James Maiser in the amount of \$1,750.00, Shari Larkin in the amount of \$97.50, and three for Washington Conservation District for a total of \$7,453.00.

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

Public Comment

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board Letter

A letter has been drafted to Representative Kathy Lohmer regarding the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Form. The Board would like two other disclosure form examples to be included with the letter. One is the City of Lakeland Code of Ethics, and the other is a form from the City of Oak Park Heights. If Representative Lohmer would like, the board will assist in writing a new form and draft a bill. A motion to change the letter to include the examples, and then send the letter to Representative Lohmer, was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Beudet. Motion carried.

Plan Update Subcommittee Discussion

A subcommittee will need to be formed regarding updating the Plan. The first meeting will be the Thursday, January 5th, 2012 at 8:00AM. Mr. Zeller, Mr. Kylo and Mr. Beudet volunteered to be on the committee. At this point, the meetings will be held

monthly. A motion to approve the subcommittee volunteers was made by Mr. Beaudet, seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion carried.

City of Lakeland Native Buffer Project Update

There was a meeting last week with permitting agencies to go over what we had proposed and to give them the opportunity to respond to the plans. There is a hold up with issues regarding mussels in the St. Croix. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting some changes, as well as the Army Corp of Engineers. There will likely be changes prior to the project being able to start. There has been an extension on the grant due to the high water levels.

MSCWMO Website Update

Administrator Carolan has received comments from Board members. At the present time, we are working on web hosting and domain issues. It should be live in the next couple weeks.

Washington County Budget Meeting

Our 2012 budget, in addition to other Watershed district's budgets, were presented to the County Commissioners. A 2012 Budget Summary of the Watershed Districts and MSCWMO was included in the packet.

City of Stillwater Joint Meeting, Meeting Report

There was a joint meeting last week with BCWD and MSCWMO. The entities presented to the Stillwater City Council the projects that were completed this year and what is planned for 2012.

2001 Court of Appeals Case involving the MSCWMO – David Beaudet

Mr. Beaudet wanted this item included in the packet as a reminder as to why the budget was increased and what costs would be involved in being part of a watershed district. "We recognize that the county presented evidence that watershed districts would be more effective and efficient than JP-WMOs in managing water resources, but we, nevertheless, conclude that BWSR erred in granting the petitions to enlarge Brown's Creek and Valley Branch because expanding the watershed districts into territory already within JP-WMOs creates conflicting surface-water-management authorities."

WCD – 2012 Services Agreement

The 2012 Service Agreement has the same language as the 2011 Agreement. The attorney has approved the Agreement. Since Administrative and Legal Services are out for bid right now, a motion was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Ms. Reiter to extend the 2011 Services Agreement until January 31, 2012. Bids for Administrative and Legal Services are due December 30, 2011.

2012 First Half Payment

A notice will be going out to member communities for the first half 2012 payments.

319 Grant

The MPCA has 319 Grant funding available to do assessments of water bodies that are not yet impaired but could be listed as impaired in the near future. The water body that meets that in MSCWMO would be Perro Creek. Administrator Carolan recommends that an application be submitted for Perro Creek and Perro Pond. This is probably something that would need to be done in the Plan update anyway, so funding would be beneficial. The application should be for around \$12,000. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

Plan Reviews and Submittals

Tire Proz – Oak Park Heights – The plan calls for removal of an existing building and parking lot and replacement with a new building and parking lot. They have met most of the policies and performance standards, with the remaining items being addressed by the Engineer. Administrator Carolan recommended approval. Mr. Fredkove made a motion to approve the submittal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kyllö. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

Administrator Carolan provided a written report.

Other Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Kyllö moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01PM, seconded by Mr. Fredkove. Motion carried.