

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
March 10th, 2011

Present: David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Randy Nelson, Afton; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township Todd McLarty, Lakeland Shores; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Amy Carolan, Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet, moved to approve the February minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report, for March 10th, 2011. He reported that the remaining checking account balance at the end of February was \$55,771.22. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$83,983.93. The ending 4M balance was \$31,974.20. Mr. Kylo reported that there were two bills to be approved for Washington Conservation District totaling \$2,497.41.

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

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

City of Afton Surface Water Management Plan

Administrator Carolan presented the City of Afton's revised surface water management plan. Ms. Carolan stated that all comments submitted to Afton in the WMO's January 13th, 2011 letter had been addressed in the revised submittal. Diane Hanke, City Engineer for the City of Afton was present and agreed that all comments had been addressed. Administrator Carolan recommended that the board approve the City of Afton's revised SWMP. Mr. Beaudet, seconded by Mr. Fredkove moved to approve the City of Afton's revised Surface Water Management Plan. Motion carried.

MSCWMO Website Update

Ms. Jacobson and Mr. Polehna were not present at the March meeting, the board agreed to postpone the group photograph until the April board meeting.

Lily Lake Implementation Project Update

Administrator Carolan provided the board with an update on the project implementation planned for the Lily Lake subwatershed stormwater retrofit project. Brochures were sent to all 188 residents living within catchments Lily - 02 and Lily – 03 letting them know about the upcoming project and asking for volunteers willing to have a raingarden installed on their property. An open house was held on March 7th. Approximately 30 residents have indicated an interest in working with the WMO to improve the water quality of Lily Lake. A copy of the brochure was provided in the board packet.

City of Lakeland Ordinance Update

As part of a MnDNR CCA grant, the City of Lakeland has been working to update it's vegetative cutting ordinance to prevent clear-cutting on the bluffs of the St. Croix River. A final draft of the ordinance is complete. The City of Lakeland will be holding an open house on Wednesday, March 30th for other communities interested in learning about the ordinance update.

New Business

Lily Lake Grant Agreement

Administrator Carolan presented the written grant agreement from the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Lily Lake Stormwater Retrofit Implementation Grant, which awards the MSCWMO \$43,400 for projects in Lily-02 and Lily 03. Mr. Kylo, seconded by Mr. Fredkove moved to sign the grant agreement and begin work on the project. Motion carried.

2010 Cost-Share Program Review

Bayport Prison: Ms. Carolan presented information on the planned project for Perro Creek on the Bayport Prison property. Ms. Carolan stated that the prison is in the process of growing their own native plants for planting along the creek buffer in sunny areas on their property. Ms. Carolan requested that the board provide up to \$1,000.00 to purchase shade tolerant plants for planting in the creek buffer in shady areas. The inmates would complete all planting along the creek. Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet moved to approve providing \$1,000.00 in cost-share to the Bayport Prison project.

West Lakeland Township Wetland Burn Update: Administrator Carolan has checked in with the contractor Critical Connections Ecological Services in regards to burning the pristine wetland in West Lakeland Township. The consultants are still willing to complete the burn for \$500.00, which was approved last year as part of the cost-share program. If conditions re favorable, the wetland will be burned this spring or in the fall of 2011.

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Opportunity:

The MnDNR is again accepting applications for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. Projects should be geared toward habitat improvement or creation. Applications are due March 31st. Administrator Carolan asked that board members with project ideas contact her.

MnDNR Floodplain Training

Administrator Carolan attended the MnDNRs Floodplain training on March 3rd. Several informative handouts were provided at the meeting. Administrator Carolan can provide board members with the information if needed. Ms. St. Ores stated that the City of Bayport would be holding a Flood Preparedness meeting in Bayport on Monday March 21st from 5:30-7:00PM. All board members were welcome to attend.

City of Stillwater Joint Meeting April 5th – 4:30PM

Administrator Carolan reported that the next joint board meeting with the City of Stillwater would be held on April 5th at 4:30PM. The MSCWMO and the Brown's Creek Watershed District will be presenting information to the City of Stillwater on current water quality trends and ongoing and upcoming projects. MSCWMO board members are welcomed to attend. Mr. Beaudet asked if Erik Anderson could present information on the water monitoring data collected by the WMO. Ms. Carolan stated that the Brown's Creek WD usually sets the agenda and the agenda may already be full, but she would check with Administrator Kill.

Plan Reviews/Submittals

There are no new project submittals to date. Baytown Township has submitted their payment for project review for the upcoming Osgood redevelopment, but final plans had not been submitted.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Carolan provided a written report.

Adjourn

Mr. Zeller, seconded by Mr. Polehna, moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. The motion was carried.