

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Washington Conservation District  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Present: Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Mike Pohlena, Stillwater; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Randy Nelson, Afton; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Les Abrahamson, Oak Park Heights; Amy Carolan, Administrator; Melissa Lewis and Don Buckhout, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources; and Shari Larkin, secretary.

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Pohlena, seconded by Mr. Kylo, moved to approve the May minutes. The motion was carried. Mr. Abrahamson abstained from the motion since he was not present.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report, for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$76,665.14. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$84,016.45. The ending 4M balance was \$31,975.12. Mr. Kylo reported that there were four bills to be approved this month for Washington Conservation District. The amounts are \$339.20, \$5,007.50, \$134.00 and \$2,310.50.

Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Pohlena, made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills presented. The motion was carried.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Discussion – BWSR Performance Review Assessment Program**

Don Buckout from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources went through the Performance Review Assessment Program, which included getting input from the Board on Part 3, Discussion Questions. Those comments were compiled and are included as a separate document. Administrator Carolan also reviewed Part 1, Goals and Objectives. BWSR will supply the WMO with a draft report at the August meeting. A summary of the report will be included with the BWSR legislative report, and will be on the BWSR website.

**Old Business**

**MSCWMO 2014 Watershed Management Plan Update – Melissa Lewis**

We will start looking at the 2012 budget in July, so the issue of the management plan update cost needs to be discussed. We can either go out for bid for the writing for the plan, or have the WCD update it again. We will need to decide what data gathering

will need to occur. Minnesota Rule 8410 outlines the requirements for a Management Plan. More work is necessary to align the Plan with each City's codes. Conversations will be continuing in the upcoming months.

### **Afton-Lakeland Gully**

Administrator Carolan attended the close-out. The live stakes had a low survival rate. Minnesota Native Landscapes will be installing three additional checks in exchange for the failed live stakes. The install will occur in the next couple weeks. Their retainer is the only item that has yet to be paid. That bill should be around \$2,000. Reviews on the project are ongoing.

### **Lily Lake Stormwater Retrofit Project - Update**

This is part of the Clean Water Legacy grant that we received. Administrator Carolan went to the site last week with the Project Engineer. The list of projects was narrowed down from 40 to 23. The survey work will occur in the next month, and designs done by mid July. Construction will happen in August. Maintenance will be provided for the first two years by MCC. After that it is the resident's responsibility. Residents will sign a maintenance agreement prior to installation.

### **Lake St. Croix Beach Bluffland Project - Update**

This BWSR Buffer Grant is beginning again. Brush clearing occurred last year. The remainder of the Siberian Elm will be cleared this week. Compost will be added next week. The following week the major stabilization work will be completed.

## **New Business**

### **West Lakeland Township Buckthorn Removal Project**

A quote from Minnesota Native Landscapes was included for conducting buckthorn control work at three residential lots in West Lakeland. The quote was for \$6,175.00. We agreed to be the administrator with USFWS to remove buckthorn on the three properties in the WMO for a total of seven acres. Work will begin this month and will be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Landowners are required to provide at least 50 hours of in-kind labor. Funds need to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Mr. Zeller. The motion was seconded by Ms. St. Ores. Motion carried.

### **Cost-Share Project Applications**

#### **Gary Johnson – LSCB**

Mr. Johnson would like to install a 200 sq ft raingarden between his two parcels on Upper 18<sup>th</sup> Street South. The project would achieve a .2 pounds per year phosphorus reduction, .6 pounds per year nitrogen reduction, and 23.4 pounds per year reduction of total suspended solids. The total cost estimate is \$1,428.97. Administrator Carolan recommends a 50% cost share of \$714.49. A motion to approve \$714.49 towards the project was made by Mr. Zeller. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Del Peterson – Stillwater**

Mr. Peterson would like to install several small projects on his property on Lily Lake, including a buffer planting on the lake. If all of the projects are completed, it would be a reduction of .25 pounds per year of phosphorus, .57 pounds per year of nitrogen, and 18.7 pounds per year of total suspended solids. The cost for all four projects is \$6,153.50, which would make our match \$2,500.00. Administrator Carolan would recommend that we encumber \$1,000.00 to his projects, but require that he complete the buffer planting. The project scored a 43 on the ranking sheet. A motion to approve \$1,000.00 towards the project was made by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Pohlerna seconded the motion. The landowner is required to spend \$1,000.00 as well.

**Mary Richardson – Stillwater – this item has been withdrawn.**

#### **2011 St. Croix River Tour**

Administrator Carolan, Molly, and Jenny will be presenting the updated vegetative ordinance for the City of Lakeland on the boat tour. The tour is June 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:00 if any Board members would like to attend. The MSCWMO Board members get free admission.

#### **Plan Reviews/Submittals**

Early Childhood Center in Stillwater will be reviewed next month.

#### **Administrator's Report**

Administrator Carolan provided a written report.

#### **Other Agenda Items**

A proposal was submitted for James Maiser, CPA to complete the 2010 annual audit. The proposal was for \$1,750. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Mr. Fredkove and seconded by Ms. St. Ores. Motion carried.

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Fredkove moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46PM. Ms. St. Ores seconded the motion. Motion carried.