

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Washington Conservation District  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Present: Dave Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Amy Carolan, Administrator; and Shari Larkin, secretary.

**Call to Order**

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

**Addition to Agenda**

Item F was added under New Business. It is a request to cancel the August meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report, for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$76,671.44. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$84,017.14. The ending 4M balance was \$31,975.42. Mr. Kylo reported that there were seven bills to be approved this month. Bonestroo in the amount of \$15,445.00; Shari Larkin in the amount of \$127.50; Veit & Company in the amount of \$2,796.37; Minnesota Native Landscapes in the amount of \$6,175.00; Kevin Balfanz in the amount of \$1,637.30; Afton Hudson Cruise Lines in the amount of \$500.00; and Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$7,951.46.

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

**Public Comments**

Bruce Werre is requesting that MSCWMO set aside \$5,000 per year in their budget towards lake improvements for Lily, Long & McKusick Lakes. He will be making the same request of BCWD and the City of Stillwater. Mr. Fredkove made a motion to add \$10,000 to the 2012 budget, subject to approval from the full Board. The BMP Cost-Share portion of the budget will be increased by \$5,000, and a line item will be added for a Water Quality Research Fund in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Beaudet pointed out that this type of request would need to be run by our attorney to assure it complies with the Joint Powers Agreement. Nancy Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

### **Afton-Lakeland Gully – Final Payment**

The additional work requested, of replacing the live stakes that did not survive, is complete. Veit & Companies is requesting that we release the final payment of \$2,796.37. Once that payment is made, the project is closed and complete. Mr. Kylo made a motion to approve the final payment. Mr. Beaudet seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Minnesota Native Landscapes completed the buckthorn removal on approximately seven acres of land next to the pristine wetland in West Lakeland Township. Administrator Carolan took photos of the project, and showed those photos to the Board members present. The payment request is \$6,175.00. Ms. St. Ores made a motion to approve the payment of \$6,175.00. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Lake St. Croix Beach Bluffland Project Payment**

The major stabilization and restoration work has been completed. Bonestroo has submitted their 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice, in the amount of \$15,445.00. MSCWMO will pay the contractor, then Administrator Carolan will invoice the City of Lake St. Croix Beach for a portion of this. The City will reimburse the MSCWMO in full at the completion of the project as grant monies are paid out to the City. Mr. Fredkove made a motion to approve the payment. Ms. St. Ores seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

We are currently working on the installation of 20-23 raingardens in Stillwater around Lily Lake. Last week the survey work was completed and the design work is underway. The designs should be completed by late July. Administrator Carolan will be meeting with each resident at that time to go over the plans. We hope to start installation in August. The project is progressing as planned.

### **BWSR PRAP Update**

BWSR will be coming back with the PRAP report at the August meeting. Amy will make a request to the appropriate people from the County and the representatives from the area that they attend that meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **2012 Draft Budget**

As noted above in the public comments section, the 2012 draft budget was increased by \$10,000, for a total of \$112,500. The new amount will need to be approved by each member community.

#### **2010 Draft Water Monitoring Report**

Erik Anderson will attend the next board meeting to present the results of the water monitoring report. Draft reports are available at this time. Approval will be requested at that meeting.

### **Second Half Contribution Request**

Ms. Anderson made a motion to approve sending out the second half contribution requests. Mr. Beaudet seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Ground Water Advisory Committee**

Mr. Beaudet made a motion to appoint Administrator Carolan to the committee for the time being. The meetings will likely be quarterly, and during business hours, but once the details of the meeting time are determined, it will be brought before the full board to see if there are any other interested parties. Ms. Reiter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

#### **Kowalski Application**

This residence is on the bluff above Lily Lake. They would like to install one raingarden and two native planting areas to stabilize their back yard. The phosphorus reduction would only be .04 pounds per year, the nitrogen reduction would be .09 pounds per year, and the total suspended solids reduction would be 5 pounds per year. It is not a huge reduction, but it would stop some erosion that is occurring along Lily Lake. The total cost is \$1,300 and the Kowalski's are requesting \$977.81. Ms. St. Ores made a motion to approve allocating \$500 towards the project. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Balfanz Reimbursement**

This project was approved in 2009. The two raingardens are completed, and Kevin Balfanz is requesting a final payment of \$1,637.30. Receipts have been submitted verifying the amount, the site has been checked, and it has been completed according to the plan. Mr. Kylo made a motion to approve the final payment of \$1,637.30. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Canceling August Meeting**

There are no development applications, so Mr. Beaudet made a motion that the August meeting be cancelled. Administrator Carolan will check on the timing of the BWSR PRAP report, and will check with other Board members who suggested they would like that report prior to meetings they have in September. That will determine whether the August meeting can be cancelled. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Plan Reviews/Submittals**

We received the submittal for the Stillwater Early Childhood Family Center. It is going to be built on the site where the Stillwater Junior High School currently is. A number of the materials have already been resubmitted since the July 8<sup>th</sup> correspondence with the City of Stillwater. They need to make further changes in their infiltration practices at this time and their stormwater calculations needed to be revised. They are currently meeting all of the policy and performance standards, so Administrator Carolan is recommending approval. The applicant must work with our Engineer to make sure that

everything is correct before final approval. Mr. Fredkove made a motion to approve the submittal. Mr. Beaudet seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Administrator's Report**

Administrator Carolan provided a written report.

**Other Agenda Items**

The sign-up sheet for working the fair booth was available for Board members to sign up for a shift.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Fredkove moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. Mr. Kylo seconded the motion. Motion carried.