

**Carnelian-Marine St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting July 12, 2010**

Managers Present: Victoria Dupre, Tom Polasik, Kristin Tuenge, Steve Kronmiller, Jason Husveth,

Managers Absent: John Lennes

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Dan Fabian (EOR) Ray Marshall (Legal), Amy Carolan (WCD), Craig Wilcox, Sue Wilcox, Pat Duvall, James Wyatt, Daniel Johnson, Kevin Johnson, James Conlan, Cindy Johnson, Harold Johnson, Craig Wills (DNR)

Manager Kronmiller called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

1. Approve July Agenda

Manager Caldecott moved to approve the July 12, 2010 Agenda as presented. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approve June 7th, 2010 Minutes.

Manager Polasik moved to approve the June 7th, 2010 minutes as presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 4-0; manager Husveth recused himself from the vote.

3. Introduction and Oath of Office to new Manger Kristin Tuenge

Manager Kronmiller explained the three-year term to Manager Tuenge. Manager Tuenge recited the oath of office and was sworn in. Managers Polasik and Husveth were reappointed. Managers Husveth will serve a two-year term. Each of the managers signed an oath of office.

4. Treasurer's Report

Manager Dupre presented the treasurers report for July 12th, 2010. **Manager Dupre moved to approve the July 12th, 2010 treasurer's report. Second by Manager Caldecott. The motion carried 5-0.**

a. CD Renewal

Administrator Shaver reported that the Savings CD was up for renewal, and asked for direction in renewing the CD. Manager Caldecott recommended that the administrator look at short-term investment periods, as he believed interest rates would improve in the short term. The board recommended that administrator Shaver obtain 3-4 interest quotes for a 1-year CD and provide a report to the board at next months meeting.

5. Bills to be Paid

Manager Polasik moved the July bills to be paid in the amount of \$30,317.92. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Public Comments

a. Bliss Addition Pond Dredging

Administrator Shaver reported that several residents living in the Bliss Addition on Big Marine Lake had contacted him regarding the need for dredging in order to maintain the connection/lake access between the Bliss Addition and Big Marine Lake. According to DNR hydrologist Craig Wills, the existing permit for channel maintenance in that area is in the name of the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District. Administrator Shaver confirmed that in the minutes from March of 1990, the district agreed to assume responsibilities for dredging in the channel. Mr. Wills explained that the District could choose to continue to maintain the channel or transfer the permit, but only CMSCWD was authorized to dredge at the current time.

Members from the public stated that filling and other activities had been occurring in the area by a neighboring resident, resulting in reduction of the width and depth of the channel. Mr. Wills stated that he did not see evidence of major filling activities, but noted that lake levels were down, which may have contributed to the narrowing of the channel. Members of the public did not agree with Mr. Wills' statements and argued that filling activities had occurred. Mr. Wills recommended that the DNR take soil borings to determine if substantial amounts of fill were present in or near the channel.

Resident Cindy Johnson expressed concerns about not being able to add topsoil to her property because it wasn't allowed under watershed district rules. Manager Kronmiller explained that she might indeed need a permit depending on the location and extent of the topsoiling activity.

Mr. Wills and Manager Kronmiller agreed that waiting until water levels return to a more normal level to dredge would make maintenance activities more worthwhile.

Manager Husveth stated that a restoration order may be required if a violation by one of the residents in the Bliss Addition had occurred. He recommended that the District look into the situation before making a decision about dredging.

The board agreed to look into dredging the existing channel, but would first gather necessary information such as soil borings, plans, permits, GPS locations, original dredging application, etc. The board agreed to try to have the information available at the upcoming August meeting, but information may not be prepared until the September board meeting.

7. Engineers Report, Permits/Violations

Mr. Fabian presented a written engineers report:

- a. Permit 06-019: Mr. Fabian reported that the applicant had requested to close out the permit issued for the Tii Gavo Development. Mr. Fabian reported that many of the proposed stormwater structures had not yet been built per design and some monitoring of the site was still required per the permit. The board agreed that the project was on hold and that the permit should be closed out for Phase I and the board should discuss modifying the permit. Mr. Shaver reported that the City of Scandia would not return the developers surety until the watershed permit was closed-out. The board agreed that the Tii Gavo permit should be modified. Administrator Shaver agreed to discuss the issue with the City of Scandia to determine what would be acceptable for project closeout.
- b. Permit 09-015: Mr. Fabian reported that Sean and Vickie Finnegan on Big Carnelian Lake and requested the return of their surety. Manager Caldecott moved that the surety in the amount of \$400.00 be returned. Seconded by Manager Tuenge. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Permit 10-004: Mr. Fabian reported that the proposed project on Judd Street in Marine on St. Croix would require a permit for Erosion and Sediment Control. Manager Polasik moved to authorize the administrator to issue a permit based on the recommendation of the Engineering. Seconded by Mr. Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.

8. BMP

a. Current Proposals

Amy Carolan (WCD) reported that the BMP subcommittee had met prior to the full board meeting to review BMP project proposals. The BMP subcommittee recommended that the board contribute cost-share to the Bill Kaelin raingarden project in the amount of \$1,436.19, contingent on Mr. Kaelin repairing the gully erosion on his property at his own expense.

b. Past Proposals

Mr. Shaver reported that Diane Rohan had requested additional BMP funds to assist with the maintenance of her recently completed buffer project. Mr. Shaver explained that the district had been short of BMP funds when she made her initial request. Ms. Rohan had spent approximately \$5,600.00 to date and is requesting cost share in the amount of \$1,850.00. The BMP subcommittee recommended that the project be funded. Manager Husveth moved support for allocating the \$1,850.00 to the Rohan project. Seconded by Manager Tuenge. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Monitoring

No report

10. New Business

a. Chris LeClair, Washington County Public Health

Administrator Shaver reported that Washington County had received a \$25,000.00 grant to study septic systems in the CMSCWD. Washington County had asked if CMSCWD would like to have their logo on the letterhead when letters were sent out to residents within the District regarding the project. The board agreed that they did not want their logo on the letterhead, as they were not directly involved with the project.

b. Future CWPs – Dan Fabian

Mr. Fabian reported that another opportunity for applying for Clean Water Partnership Grant dollars was approaching. He recommended that the board considering apply for more dollars to complete watershed assessments as they did for Sand and Long Lake. He recommended looking at some different lakes in the district as well as some streams. Administrator Shaver recommended that the board hold off on applying for more money in this grant round and see how the process goes with Square, Long, and Sand lake. The board agreed with the idea of waiting.

c. St. Croix Basin Team Support Request

Administrator Shaver presented a letter from the St. Croix Basin Planning Team. The board determined that they would wait until a later date to determine if they could provide any funding.

11. Old/Other Business

a. Watershed-wide Prioritization Tool

Mr. Riggs of the Washington Conservation District provided a memorandum and made a presentation outlining the Districts proposal for assisting the CMSCWD in evaluating subwatersheds for the purpose of prioritizing future BMP projects. Mr. Fabian of EOR presented a similar proposal. The board agreed to wait until September to determine if they wanted to move forward with either proposal. Mr. Fabian (EOR) proposed completing the work for approximately \$4,000.00. The Washington Conservation District proposed completing the work for approximately \$6,500.00.

b. Plan – Agency Review and Response to Comments

Mr. Fabian presented the 45-Day Agency review comments and provided a spreadsheet to the board, which contained the agency comments as well as suggested responses to comments. The majority of the comments were from the Board of Water and Soil Resources and were mostly related to the Districts cost share program, aquatic species management program. Comments were also received from the Minnesota Department of Health, the Met Council and the MPCA.

c. Workshop - July 22nd

Administrator Shaver suggested holding a budget workshop on July 22nd. An invite will be extended to LGUs interested in voicing an option or suggestions on the 2011 budget. The board agreed to move the meeting to August 2nd. Administrator Shaver stated that he would issue a public notice for the meeting.

d. Big Marine DNR/EMF Grant Update

Mr. Shaver reported that the DNR had issued grant dollars to the Big Marine Lake Association in the amount of \$8,000.00, enough to treat 16 acres.

Manager Polasik moved that the board rescind the money previously allocated to the Big Marine Lake Association, as the matching amount was no longer needed, seconded by Manager Dupre.

12. Administrator's Report

Mr. Shaver reported that the St. Croix River boat tour workshop would be held on July 21st.

Mr. Shaver reported that the Washington Conservation District was considering an update of the 2007 MLCCS data and would be asking for a contribution from the CMSCWD in the amount of \$6,200.00 – \$12,200.00.

13. Manager Polasik moved to adjourn. Second by Manager Tuenge. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19PM. The next regular meeting will be held on August 2nd, 2010 at the Scandia Town Hall.