

CARNELIAN-MARINE-ST. CROIX WATERSHED DISTRICT
Public Hearing for 197th St. Ravine Reconstruction and Sand Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filter and Public Budget Meeting, September 2, 2015

Managers Present: Kristin Tuenge, Dave De Vault, Tom Polasik, Wade Johnson, Andy Weaver, Joel Stedman **Absent:** Eric Lindberg

Others Present: Jim Shaver (administrator), Gary Orlich, grandson

Manager DeVault called the Public Hearing to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Approve Agenda

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Public Hearing agenda as presented.

2. Public Statements- Manager DeVault called for comments on the proposed projects

Resident Gary Orlich, stated that he was very much in favor of the Sand Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand filter in that there is currently a wide-spread algae bloom in Sand Lake.

3. Adjourn Public Hearing- Manager DeVault noted that were no other citizens present.

It was moved, seconded and passed to close the Public Hearing.

Manager DeVault called the Special Budget meeting to order

1. Approve Agenda-

Manager De Vault moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Manager Polasik. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Public Comments

Administrator Shaver entered a public comment from Steve Kronmiller supporting the budget with no levy increase. There were no other public comments.

3. Board Discussion of Proposed Budget- Discussion generally supported the budget proposal with no increase in budget or levy over 2015. Administrator Shaver discussed the difficulty of supporting the budget amounts contained in the Plan Amendment which would require a 5% year over year levy increase from 2015 levels and \$200,000 in grant awards annually. Board directed the Administrator to prepare budget and levy resolutions based on the proposal to be included in the September 9th meeting agenda.

4. Authorization to bid Projects- Sand Lake IESF Administrator Share presented a Status sheet for the project dated 8/28/2015 showing the amount levied for the project from 2013 to 2015, \$133,072, as well as the MPCA grant funds received to date, \$77,000. Deducting accumulated expenses to date of \$37,024 leaves cash available of \$173,048 to complete the project. Current 2015 budget for the project is \$40,000, Current estimate for the project is \$152,000 for construction and an additional \$10,000 for engineering expenses. Shaver requested a motion to authorize \$137,256 in plan implementation funds be directed to the 2015 budget for a total of \$177,256 for the Sand Lake IESF in 2015. **Manager Weaver so moved, seconded by Manager Stedman. Motion passed.** Discussion continued about the

need to revise the layout and presentation of the Project Status sheet and the need to track authorized funds and the Plan Implementation Fund.

Administrator Shaver requested a motion to approve the easement and incentive agreement between the landowner for the Project, Dan and Dean Lindgren, and the District. Shaver noted the terms of the agreement as \$30 per pound phosphorus removed with a minimum annual payment of \$1,000 and maximum annual payment of \$3,000 with a lifetime payment cap of \$30,000 through 2045, the expected life of the project. Original starting point for negotiations was \$25 per pound. Manager Johnson asked if this was payment for the easement or incentive. Discussion agreed that it could be both. Motion tabled until September 9 Board meeting allowing Managers more time to review the document.

Manager Tuenge moved to approve the request for bids for the Project subject to confirmation of landowners' signatures easement on documents. Manager Polasik seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

197th Street Ravine Administrator Shaver presented a Status report sheet for the project dated 8/28 and requested a motion to proceed with a request for bids for the project as the anticipated construction costs for the ravine project, \$63,000 and wetland reconstruction, \$5,325 are less than the \$85,000 currently in the 2015 budget. **Manager Weaver so moved. Manager Stedman seconded. Motion passed.**

- 5. Other Discussion** Manager Johnson moved and Manager DeVault seconded a motion directing the Administrator to arrange a work shop with the Accounting and/or Auditor to clarify accounting for Plan Implementation Reserve fund and unused carry- over year to year. Motion passed 6-0. Administrator Shaver noted that a special meeting will be required later in September after the bids for both projects are received and reviewed to award the contracts.

- 6. Adjourn**
It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn.