

**Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting April 6, 2009**

Managers Present: John Bower, John Lennes, Richard Caldecott, Victoria Dupre, Thomas Polasik, Steve Kronmiller and Jason Husveth.

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Dan Fabian (EOR), Amy Carolan (WCD), Ray Marshall (Attorney), Sally Leider (Watershed Wisdom), Harold and Cindy Johnson (residents), Anne Hurlburt (Scandia) and Debbie Meister (MMC).

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

1. Approve April Agenda

Manager Kronmiller moved to approve the April 6, 2009 agenda as presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Approve March 2 Minutes

Manager Bower moved approval of the March 2, 2009 minutes as presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Engineer's Report, Permits / Violations

- *Item 2a. Permit 02-033 Bohrer riprap maintenance project on Big Marine.* Dan Fabian commended the \$200 surety be returned. **Manager Bower moved to return Dick Bohrer's \$200 surety. Second by Manager Husveth. Motion carried 6-0.**
- *Item 2b. Permit 06-002 Millbrook Development on South Twin Lake.* Mr. Fabian reported that although joint inspections with BCWD are continuing, BCWD—due to state statute—is unable to bill for both watershed districts. The Millbrook permit needs to be amended to reflect individual district billings. **Manager Caldecott moved to amend permit 06-002 to state: all costs associated with routine CMSCWD permit inspections will be invoiced by and paid directly to the CMSCWD. Motion carried 7-0.**
- Manager Bower asked about the current status of the garage built in a landlocked basin. He noted that both a District and DNR permit were probably required. Pete Ganzel (Washington County Public Health) determined that the garage could pose a health hazard because of the potential to flood the 201 system. Discussion focused on possible solutions including moving the garage, modifying the 201 system, adding a culvert with Township participation, putting in a tank, installing an alternative dewatering system and assessing the quality of the discharge. Administrator Shaver will talk to Mr. Ganzel to determine what the landowner and Township are doing.

4. Public Comments

Sally Leider presented an overview of the 2009 Watershed Wisdom Program. The program is now in its ninth year. It is designed to empower youth and their families to be caring

stewards of their watershed. Working with 5th-grade classes at Scandia and Marine schools, the program is interdisciplinary using arts, poetry and observation to engage students and sharpen their observational skills. The program will be represented at Millstream Day. In 2010 Ms. Leider would like to build continuity with 6th grades at both schools and identify other district schools to work with. She has been building a partnership with Warner Nature Center. Arcola Mills and the St. Croix River Association were mentioned as potential collaborators. The managers expressed interest in funding buses so classes can visit Warner. Ms Leider will provide photos and thanked the District for the opportunity to spearhead the program.

Harold and Cindy Johnson last attended a District meeting in December. They acknowledged receiving requested permit information from the District. Manager Kronmiller stated that since last month's meeting, Scandia stated that it is willing to approve the Johnson's permit contingent upon District approval. Administrator Shaver suggested that the Johnsons submit a permit application less the hydrologic study. He and Mr. Fabian will then determine if hydrologic information is needed. Mr. Johnson requested the existing hydrologic data acquired when the district was formed. Administrator Shaver said that requests for additional information from the District should be submitted in writing.

5. Treasurer's Report

Manager Dupre moved to approve the April 6, 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 7-0. Manager Bower clarified that the CD is a two-year certificate and comes due next year. Administrator Shaver reported that \$7,500 is being transferred from the surety to the checking account and about \$30,000 in TMDL reimbursements is expected from the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

6. Bills to be Paid

Manager Dupre moved the current bills to be paid in the amount of \$48,582.32. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 7-0. Administrator Shaver stated that next month surety repayment will be included on bills to be paid and the Treasurer's Report, possibly just as a draft, will be included in board packets.

7. New Business

a. TMDL Phase II Contract –**Motion Required**

Administrator Shaver noted that this is a pass-through contract with the MPCA. The District will request reimbursement on a monthly basis. **Manager Caldecott moved to accept and sign the contract. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 7-0.**

b. Lilleskogen Park Cost Share w/ Scandia **Motion Required**

Administrator Shaver reported that he and Karen Schick (Scandia Parks and Recreation Committee) met to review the scope of the park project including education outreach opportunities. He recommended this as a good cost share project and noted that before all BMP projects in the budget were aggregated, the District had allocated \$7,500 for this project. Anne Hurlburt added that the budget for the entire project, including wetland restoration, is \$250,000. The first phase, for which the \$7,500 is requested from the District, covers the hydrology study, engineering and permitting. The full plan is on the

City's web site. The Managers highlighted the great opportunity for education and interpretation with the public and Scandia School and the potential to restore the wetland. Manager Husveth noted that the District would like to be acknowledged as a partner. **Manager Husveth moved to approve in concept the cost share of \$7,500 for Phase 1 of the Lilleskogen Park. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 7-0.**

c. Wind in the Pines Cost Share w/ Scandia Motion Required

Administrator Shaver summarized the cost share request and provided photos of the site. He mentioned that Marine WMO had approved funding for Falls Creek and it was discussed as a potential project after the merger. According to the DNR this is one of the most diverse ecological areas left in Washington County. Erosion threatens the site and Falls Creek to the north. Scandia proposes to block off access to the adjacent private property and Scientific and Natural Area and create a trail that starts and ends at a parking lot. The City would like to remove garbage from the site and has committed to the ongoing maintenance. To reduce costs, the District recommended using MN Conservation Corp, Sentence to Service and volunteers. Discussion also focused on the responsibility of cities versus the District and funds for the erosion problem at 197th instead of or in addition to the Wind in the Pines. Anne Hurlburt confirmed that firmer costs for the project will be provided and grant opportunities have been exhausted. **Manager Caldecott moved to support the project at the level of \$5,000 as recommended by Administrator Shaver. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 5-0-2.**

d. Lennar Billing/ Motion Required

See item #6.

e. Board Volunteer for Land and Water Legacy Program Plan

Manager Polasik volunteered.

8. Old/Other Business-

a. 2010 Plan Update

Dan Fabian reported that the inventory assessment and most lake management plans were posted and a few comments were received for both. At the March 9th board workshop Mr. Fabian felt he was pushing the schedule and funding too hard, so has added more flexibility. Plans are to present to the Technical Advisory Committee on April 15. The rules and programs will have measurable goals. The Strategic Plan will be a separate document, but will be mirrored in the Management Plan. Managers should get comments and edits to Administrator Shaver by April 10.

Administrator Shaver clarified that Melissa Lewis (BWSR) hopes issues with the District rules and Wetland Management Plan can get resolved so the rules can be referenced and the Wetland Plan can be included in the Management Plan. If the District is working diligently toward completing the updated plan, then the old plan will be considered current. Administrator Shaver proposed a rule subcommittee meeting on April 13.

- b. Peggy Ahola Engagement Letter/ Motion Required**
Manager Lennes moved to accept the engagement letter from Peggy Ahola for the 2008 audit. Second by Manager Dupre. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. Administrator's Work Plan/ Motion Required**
Manager Kronmiller noted that the work plan will be used to evaluate the administrator.
- d. Receipt of DNR Stocking Letter**
Administrator Shaver noted that the letter was received and information will be included in the spring newsletter.

9. Administrator's Report

- Spring newsletter articles will include zebra mussels in the St. Croix, DNR stocking and lake grades.
- Water Consortium. Manager Polasik attended the March meeting.
- MN Erosion Control Association conference. Administrator Shaver attended the March conference.
- Shallow Lakes Seminar was held on March 30 in Chaska and Administrator Shaver attended.
- Scandia will hold a scoping meeting on April 7 for the environmental impact statement required for the Zavoral Mining operation.
- St. Croix Basin Conference on April 16 in River Falls, WI. Managers Polasik, Lennes and Caldecott and Administrator Shaver plan to attend.
- MN Waters Conference in Rochester on May 7 and 8.
- Rusty Schmidt and Administrator Shaver met at the Boom site to discuss a potential BMP project. MN Department of Transportation will need to complete its work first.
- The Rules Subcommittee will meet on April 13 at 5 p.m.
- Water is flowing all the way down to Little Carnelian. Levels are down 6" on the north side of the weir at County Road 4 and Big Marine and down 4" down on the south side. The beaver dam that was removed last December at May Ave. and Carnelian Creek at the Cole's property has been rebuilt to 18" to 2' and there is good flow over the top. Manager Bower noted that this is a good time to remove trash at Little Carnelian because the lake level is down. He circulated pictures of erosion on lots around Big Carnelian and a lot that was recently clear cut.
- BMP Committee will meet to review its budget and make preliminary decisions on projects. Manager Husveth suggested adding review of a project at the headwaters of a creek near Meisters that has potential for state funding, but needs matching funds.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2009 at the Scandia Community Center at 6:30 p.m. **Manager Polasik moved adjournment. Second by Manager Lennes. Motion carried 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.