

**Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting May 4, 2009**

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

Managers Absent: Steve Kronmiller.

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Dan Fabian and Carl Almer (EOR), Amy Carolan (WCD) and Debbie Meister (MMC).

Manager Bower called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Approve May Agenda

Manager Caldecott moved to approve the May 4, 2009 agenda as presented. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approve April 6 Minutes

Manager Bower proposed several changes to the minutes: item 3 the third bullet should read a District and DNR permit were probably required and the garage address be inserted, item 6 the fourth line should be deleted and item 9 Manager Bower did not attend the Consortium meeting. **Manager Caldecott moved approval of the April 6, 2009 minutes as amended. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Manager Dupre moved to approve the May 4, 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Bills to be Paid

Manager Dupre moved the current bills to be paid in the amount of \$25,274.77. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.

It was noted that previous years' expenses are reported in the annual audit.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Engineer's Report, Permits / Violations

Dan Fabian reported that he received revised plans for the Shelton property restoration and will be reviewing them. The rocks have been removed and the County will be taking the lead. Administrator Shaver conducted the final site review on the Peterson retaining wall and return of the surety was approved. Manager Polasik asked about erosion control plans for the MnDOT Hwy 95 upgrades, permit 09-002. Mr. Fabian noted that MnDOT is aware of the erosion problems on that stretch and felt the plans show good erosion control for the current project. Administrator Shaver and the National Park Service will talk with MnDOT about a BMP to address other erosion issues.

7. BMP Potential Projects

Amy Carolan reported that the subcommittee met to review projects and is recommending three for funding: Dean Tharp for a funding request of \$1,875, James and Yvone Reding and Thomas and Judith Russell for a request of \$1,248 and Dan Froiland and Jay Warmington for a request of \$3,000. **Manager Polasik moved to fund the three BMP cost-share projects as presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.** Ms. Carolan noted that the Froiland/Warmington project has also received a state cost-share grant and the contract has been signed.

8. New Business

a. Small Acreage Grazing Workshop Support - \$250 –Motion Required

Administrator Shaver presented a request from the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake WD to co-host a small acreage grazing workshop in August. **Manager Caldecott moved to co-host the workshop and contribute up to \$250 for expenses. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion passed 6-0.**

b. Great River Greening Grant Proposal

Administrator Shaver reported that Wayne Ostlie of Great River Greening requested matching funds from the District for a grant proposal. Managers raised several concerns including the lack of a water quality component and the general versus specific deliverables in the proposal. Administrator Shaver will invite Mr. Ostlie to attend a board meeting to share program goals and learn more about the District.

9. Old/Other Business

a. Lilleskogen Park Cost Share Contract w/ Scandia—Motion Required

Administrator Shaver presented the Lilleskogen Park cost share contract with Scandia, which Attorney Marshall reviewed. Manager Lennes suggested numerous changes to the contract and volunteered to redraft it. **Manager Polasik moved to approve the contract based Manager Lennes' rewrite and approval. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.**

b. 2010 Plan Update

Dan Fabian reported that sections of the plan are posted on the District web site. April TAC and CAC meetings were well attended and elicited good discussion and input. Mr. Fabian proposed a manager workshop to review the CIP and plan amendment sections. The workshop was set for May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Scandia Town Hall. Administrator Shaver noted that he is tracking comments made by TAC and CAC and the comments will be addressed.

c. Rules Update

Carl Almer reviewed the subcommittee recommendations and the recommended rule revisions. The managers agreed to amend the gardening and landscaping definition of "Land Disturbance" to read: ...the following exception statement, except as otherwise provided in the rules and to strike under Rule 2 or Rule 3.

Mr. Almer prepared a table to outline and compare the proposed applicability subparts of the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control rules. Using examples, he demonstrated how the updated rules add flexibility, yet retain control of the highest priority resources. Other discussion included:

- Rule 2.5.1 Stormwater BMP Sequencing, which focuses on the most effective tools to meet the standards. The rules allow for ponding, if it can meet the standard.
- Rule 2.5.7 Facility Maintenance, which still warrants some discussion at the board level. Will the District assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of infiltration BMPs?
- Rule 3 Erosion Control. Manager Bower noted that with the current wetland plan there is no deminimus. The Wetland Management Plan will need to be amended and adopted as an amendment to the Management Plan.
- Rule 8.6.7 Restoration Fund still needs more board discussion. Administrator Shaver will find some examples to review.
- Next steps were suggested.

Manager Bower moved to authorize Administrator Shaver and Mr. Almer to present these recommendations to Scandia and May Township, get their comments and present these comments to the board. Second by Manager Lennes. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Administrator's Report

Administrator Shaver reported:

- Scandia has distributed the Zavoral Mining Operation Environmental Impact Statement scoping document. Administrator Shaver will keep the board updated.
- Managers Caldecott and Lennes and Administrator Shaver attended the St. Croix River Basin Conference.
- The Water Consortium meeting will cover how to interface with St. Croix River TMDL.
- Metro MAWD meeting tomorrow night in St. Paul will cover invasive species. Administrator Shaver plans to attend.
- MN Waters Conference in Rochester on May 7 and 8.
- BWSR seminar on June 7 and 8 on engaging the public.
- Administrator Shaver will be out of the office on May 7 and 8.
- Water is trickling over the Turtle Lake weir.
- Administrator Shaver talked with Pete Ganzel (Washington County) about the 13055 Panorama Ave. garage in the landlocked basin. Mr. Ganzel felt finding the solution should be the owner's responsibility.
- New office keys were distributed.
- It was agreed not to donate District prizes to non official events/business.

10. Next Meeting / Adjourn

The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2009 at the Scandia Community Center at 6:30 p.m. **Manager Lennes moved adjournment. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.