

**Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting June 1, 2009**

Managers Present: Steve Kronmiller, John Bower, John Lennes, Richard Caldecott, and Thomas Polasik.

Managers Absent: Jason Husveth and Victoria Dupre.

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Dan Fabian (EOR), Ray Marshall (Attorney) and Debbie Meister (MMC).

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

1. Approve June Agenda

Manager Caldecott moved to approve the June 1, 2009 agenda as presented. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approve May 4 Minutes

Manager Caldecott moved approval of the May 4, 2009 minutes as presented. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 4-0-1.

3. Treasurer's Report

Manager Kronmiller requested a cash flow report be added to the Treasurer's Report. **Manager Caldecott moved to approve the June 1, 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Bills to be Paid

Manager Kronmiller moved the current bills to be paid in the amount of \$40,160.84, contingent upon surety return and BMP reimbursement approval later in the meeting. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comments

a. Comments from Michael Blehert, Big Marine Lake

Administrator Shaver presented a DNR grant application prepared by Michael Blehert for the early detection and eradication of Eurasian watermilfoil. Mr. Blehert applied for the grant with the hope that the District would be the grant recipient and spearhead the effort. The first step in the process is a no cost survey by the DNR to assess the situation on the lake. The DNR will then select a few lakes for treatment. Questions raised included: is a lake vegetation management plan required; is Mr. Blehert interested in starting a lake association and getting other residents involved and are there potential costs and/or commitments associated with receiving the grant. Administrator Shaver will investigate these issues.

b. John and Karen Bower Letter Re: Gruber Variance Extension Request

John Bower summarized a letter he and his wife submitted to the Washington County Board of Adjustments and Appeals requesting the Gruber variance extension request be denied. Administrator Shaver met with Mr. Gruber about his incomplete District permit and plans to attend the June 4 County hearing. The District cannot approve or deny a permit for Mr. Gruber until a completed application has been received.

6. Engineer's Report, Permits / Violations

a. Return of Surety – John Westphal, Board Action Required

Manager Bower moved to approve the return of the Westphal surety in the amount of \$400. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Permit 09-003 MN Gateway Trail Bridge Crossing of Hwy 15

Manager Caldecott moved to approve Permit 09-003 provided that MnDOT provides new mitigation work that meets the District's 4:1 mitigation ratio. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Kronmiller raised the issue of what recourse the District has when a construction project is completed without a necessary District permit. Ray Marshall stated that the District can issue an after-the-fact permit. Other options discussed included trying to work with the LGU on enforcement, going to court (though this is expensive and is not likely to result in a ruling for removal/restoration) and seeking enabling legislation to allow watershed districts to impose fines. It was agreed that placing a deadline on a applicant's after-the-fact permit application is a reasonable approach. Administrator Shaver will notify Harold Johnson about the board policy and will notify him that there is a deadline for his application submittal.

Administrator Shaver agreed to follow up on the shoreline restoration BMP at 12365 Otchipwe on Big Carnelian Lake.

7. BMP

a. John Ludwig Reimbursement - \$750, Board Action Required

Manager Kronmiller moved to reimburse John Ludwig \$750 for two rain gardens. BMP. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Schedule Sub-committee Meeting to Review New Projects

The Sub-committee will meet to review new proposals.

8. New Business

a. Draft Audit

- **Peggy Ahola Presentation—Workshop, Conference Call, or Sub-committee to Answer Questions and Explain New Format**

Manager Kronmiller requested managers review the audit before the Wed., June 24 workshop. Ms. Ahola will attend for a portion of the workshop.

b. 08 Monitoring Report Draft, Board Action Required

Manager Caldecott moved to approve the 08 Monitoring Report. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

c. WCD Weed Cost Share for Silver Creek, Board Action Required

Administrator Shaver reported that the District is in receipt of \$1,000 for invasive species removal thanks to Jyneen Thatcher of WCD. Great River Greening will be doing invasive removal along Silver Creek at Bridget Lyle's. The agreement with WCD has been signed.

10. Old/Other Business

a. 2010 Plan Update

Dan Fabian reported that the implementation program section is drafted and comments from the workshop have been incorporated into the plan. The plan will now be posted on the District Web site. **Manager Lennes moved to approve the draft plan for review and comment. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Fabian distributed the map of District properties and maintenance locations. Manager Bower stated that the Schiff easement and pipe on Little Carnelian should be added. The board workshop has been scheduled and material will be sent three days prior. Administrator Shaver will send a letter to BWSR confirming the District's timeframe for submitting the 2010 Plan.

11. Administrator's Report

- MAWD meeting last month featured a presentation on invasive species, with the message that little can be done. It is anticipated that all MN lakes will have zebra mussels. The challenge will be to manage these as best as possible.
- Legislative updates. Administrator Shaver will continue to forward updates.
- Upcoming events: Water Consortium on June 3 at 2 p.m. featuring MS4 education update and minimum impact design standards. BWSR seminar on June 4 on engaging the public. MAWD Summer Tour on June 25-27.
- Design Charrette on June 9 to discuss what a new Washington County Conservation Center should look like. Administrator Shaver will attend.
- Administrator Shaver will meet with the banker to explore account options to ensure all District funds are insured.
- Washington County Comp Plan is on the County Web site for review.
- WCD and the National Park Service are doing an erosion control and native planting project on Carnelian Creek. They asked the District to supply erosion control blankets at a cost of about \$500. **Manager Caldecott moved to donate erosion control blankets not to exceed \$1,000 provided the District is acknowledged as a project sponsor. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 5-0.** Manager Lennes suggested that the District develop a form for signage.
- Administrator Shaver distributed a LMCIT article about the positives and negatives of recording Board meetings.

- Manager Kronmiller noted that Administrator Shaver suggested that the Personnel Sub-committee meet for a six-month staff review.

12. Next Meeting / Adjourn

The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2009 at the Scandia Community Center at 6:30 p.m. **Manager Caldecott moved adjournment. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried -0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.