

**Carnelian-Marine St. Croix Watershed District  
Regular Meeting February 1, 2010**

**Managers Present:** Richard Caldecott, Jason Husveth, John Bower and Thomas Polasik

**Managers Absent:** Victoria Dupre, John Lennes, and Steve Kronmiller

**Others Present:** Jim Shaver (Administrator), Carl Almer (EOR), Ray Marshall (Legal), Amy Carolan (WCD), Peter Mott (Washington County Parks), Rich Burton (Big Marine Lake Association), Jeff Dahlberg (BMLA), James Holcomb (BMLA), Gene Anderson (BMLA), Tom Ternis (Veteran's Rest Camp), Jim Johnson (BMLA), Craig Johnson (BLMA), Virginia Johnson (BMLA), Mike Blehert (BMLA)

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

**1. Approve February Agenda**

**Manager Caldecott moved to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Agenda as presented. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 4-0.**

**2. Approve January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Minutes.**

Administrator Shaver stated that he had already suggested some changes to the minutes to Ms. Meister prior to the meeting. He recommended the minutes be approved as presented. **Manager Caldecott moved to approve the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 minutes as presented. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 4-0.**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Administrator Shaver presented the treasurer's report for February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. **Manager Caldecott moved to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 treasurer's report. Second by Manager Bower. The motion carried 4-0.**

**4. Bills to be Paid**

**Manager Polasik moved the February bills to be paid in the amount of \$45,396.78. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 4-0.**

**5. Public Comments**

**a. Big Marine Lake Association (BMLA)**

Mr. Mike Blehert of the Big Marine Lake Association presented information on the newly formed group. One of the associations' main goals is to control the occurrence of the invasive aquatic plant species, Eurasian Water Milfoil. Mr. Blehert reported that the Association had been working with the Minnesota DNR and other partners including Washington County Parks and the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp to prepare an application for the DNR's Nuisance Plant Grant Program to treat an estimated 10-15 acres of lake area thought to be infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil. Mr. Blehert reported that the cost of treating the infested area would be approximately \$4,000.00 - \$6,500.00. Mr. Blehert stated that the Lake Association would like the

CMSCWD to partner with them on the grant application and commit up to \$5,000.00 towards the project. Mr. Blehert stated that getting the CMSCWDs approval to partner early on would help make the treatment of the plant more effective. Manager Husveth agreed with Blehert stating that grant timelines don't always work well with treatment of invasive species. Husveth recommended that the board decide on their commitment either at the February or March regular board meetings. Manager Polasik supported Husveth's comments. **Manager Bower moved that the CMSCWD board would partner with the Big Marine Lake Association on a grant application and would decide on a monetary commitment at a later meeting date when more firm numbers could be provided to the board. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 4-0.**

**b. AW Research Labs – Alan Cibizar**

Mr. Cibizar presented information to the board on AW Research Labs remote sensing services and their ability to identify invasive species and pollutant hot spots through aerial photography interpretation. The cost to the board would be approximately \$695.00 per lake. Actual in-lake water monitoring is still necessary to ensure accurate results from remote sensing methods. Manager Husveth stated that data would be more useful if made available as raster or vector data to be used in a GIS rather than as information in a word or PDF document.

Administrator Shaver stated that the presented data might be useful for use in the Districts focused watershed management approach.

**6. Engineers Report, Permits/Violations**

**a. M.J. Raleigh Gravel Permit**

Administrator Shaver updated the board on the outstanding incomplete permit application for the gravel operation and the applicant's request for a renewal of a five-year mining permit. Administrator Shaver recommended that the board close the incomplete permit and start a new permit application, forgiving past due fees. **Manager Caldecott moved that the board close the past incomplete permit and start a new permit application for the renewal stressing that fees must be paid or the proper action would be taken. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 4-0.**

Manager Bower recommended that Administrator Shaver look for cooperation from local LGUs to help with the District's permitting process. Mr. Shaver reported that he and Mr. Fabian had met with Washington County and that the County was unwilling to assist with permit enforcement at this time. Manager Polasik recommended that they also discuss the issue with local townships.

**7. BMP**

**a. BMP Subcommittee Meeting**

The BMP subcommittee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Washington Conservation District offices in Stillwater.

## 8. New Business

### a. Auditor Engagement Letter

Administrator Shaver presented an engagement letter from Ahola, Mack & Associates, LTD to complete the 2009 audit. **Manager Caldecott moved that the board sign and return the engagement letter. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 4-0.**

## 9. Old/Other Business

### a. Rules

#### i. Country Messenger letter

Administrator Shaver presented a copy of the recent article “City lobs objections at watershed rules” from the Country Messenger. The article summarizes the City of Scandia’s concerns regarding the proposed watershed rules.

#### ii. Adopt/Amend Comment Responses

Several written comments have been received. Carl Almer presented a table, which contained comments received as well as a draft response to the comments. Almer explained that responding to most of the comments would not require major rule revisions. In order to prepare their response, Administrator Shaver recommended that the board hold a workshop to carefully review each of the comments. **Manager Caldecott moved to hold a workshop on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Scandia Community Center to review comments and prepare a response. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 4-0.** Administrator Shaver will draft a press release, which will be reviewed at the workshop.

#### iii. Adopt Rules or Postpone Until March

The board agreed to postpone adopting the rules until March following the workshop.

### b. Plan Update

Almer reported that the comment period would end on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. He recommended that the board schedule a public hearing. A public hearing will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Scandia Community Center.

### c. BWSR Grant Status

No grants were awarded to CMSCWD. Administrator Shaver stated that by working through the grant application process the District is better positioned to apply for upcoming grants.

### d. EMWREP

Administrator Shaver presented a memorandum and proposal prepared by Angie Hong (WCD) regarding the East Metro Water Resource Education

Program (EMWREP). CMSCWD would be asked to enter into a three-year agreement in order to be a partner in the program. Assuming the District joined in March the amount for the first year would be reduced to \$7,500.00 and increase to 10,000 per year for 2011 and 2012. **Manager Bower moved that the board enter into the partnership for 2010-2012 agreeing to the costs presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **10. Other Business**

- a. Manager Husveth inquired about the proposal from AW Research Laboratories to identify Milfoil in Big Marine Lake. Mr. Cibizar stated that the cost for the project would be \$695.00. **Manager Bower moved to provide half of the total cost to complete the aerial inventory of Big Marine Lake. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **11. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Shaver reported the following:

- Attended a meeting with EMWREP partners organized by BWSR to discuss ways to invigorate Citizen Advisory Committees in the County.
- Attended the Washington County League of Local Governments Event
- Minnesota Erosion Control Association Conference will be held in St. Cloud March 11<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Croix River Association Conference in River Falls will be held April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Children's Water Festival is looking for Donations.

#### **12. Next Meeting, Adjourn**

**Manager Polasik moved to adjourn. Second by Manager Husveth. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM.** The next regular meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Scandia Town Hall.

Submitted,

Amy Carolan for Debbie Meister

