

**Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting June 7, 2010**

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

Managers Absent: Jason Husveth.

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

Manager Kronmiller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approve June Agenda

Items requested for inclusion were: 10c. Stream Monitoring at Zavoral Creek, 10d. John Bower Citation and 10e. Mud Lake Macrophyte Study for New TMDL.

Manager Caldecott moved to approve the June 7, 2010 agenda as amended. Second by Manager Lennes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approve May 3rd Minutes

Manager Dupre suggested two changes to the minutes under Rydeen Feedlot.

Manager Caldecott moved approval of the May 3, 2010 minutes as amended. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Treasurer's Report

Administrator Shaver presented the Treasurer's Report and noted the auditor's suggestion to show interest accruing under the CD balance.

Manager Dupre moved approval of the June 7, 2010 Treasurer's Report. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Bills to be Paid

Administrator Shaver summarized the June bills.

Manager Dupre moved the June bills to be paid in the amount of \$40,407.86. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Public Comments

Manager Kronmiller reported that Bill Voedisch of May Township asked for a detailed expense report for the last 18 months. The Managers directed Administrator Shaver to copy financial information from Quickbooks into a pdf file and e-mail the information.

1. Engineer's Report, Permits / Violations

Dan Fabian presented the following:

- a. Comment 10-008: Dupont Property.** Mr. Dupont asked May Township to vacate the road right-of-way (ROW). Administrator Shaver attended the public hearing and submitted a letter on behalf of the District. The public comment period was extended,

providing time for the District to revise comments. Discussion focused on the history of the road, which was used until Ozark Trail was built; the adjacent property owner's request for formal access to the lake; similar roads scattered throughout county; the DNR preference for this and other roads not to become public access roads; the option for vacation with a conservation easement; Washington County's previous ruling that the Dupont lot is considered one lot as far as buildability; Mr. Dupont's belief that he cannot sell his property with a road running through it and questions of who will hold and pay for acquiring an easement. The Managers were in agreement that this is an opportunity to protect the water quality of Carnelian Lake, but were divided on public ownership of the road versus vacation with an easement. Administrator Shaver will take these comments under advisement and draft a letter for Board approval next month.

b. Permit 08-003: Tiller Corporation Scandia Mining Operation

In response to another District letter, the Tiller Corporation instructed its surety company to send the cash surety. The surety will be sent in ten days.

c. Permit 09-003: MnDNR/MnDOT Gateway Trail Bridge Crossing of Hwy 15

MnDOT provided restoration plans, as requested.

Manager Caldecott moved to authorize the Administrator to issue the permit based on the recommendation of the Engineer. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 6-0.

d. Minimum Surety—Board Action Required

Engineer Fabian recommended a minimum surety on projects requiring a permit, but not covered by an established surety.

Manager Caldecott moved to formally adopt a minimum surety amount of \$400. Second by Manager Bower. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager Dupre suggested a tour of Tii Gavo to see how infiltration is working at the development site. Managers Lennes and Polasik are also interested.

7. BMP—Board Action Required

a. Rohan—Retroactive Increase from Previous Plant Grant

Administrator Shaver presented a letter from Diane Rohan requesting \$500 for a plant grant approved in 2008, but not completed until March 30, 2010 (see 7b for motion to approve). The BMP Committee invited Ms. Rohan to submit an application for an individual cost share for the maintenance of her prairie project.

b. Current Proposals

Administrator Shaver summarized five projects including Ms Rohan's that the BMP Committee reviewed. Four were recommended for funding. BWSR modeling is used to assess water quality benefits. Managers suggested that information about BMP projects be given to Angie Hong to showcase through her public education efforts.

Manager Polaisk moved to approve the following projects: a \$500 plant grant to Diane Rohan and cost share grants to Mike Rossi for \$1,795, Susan Sullivan for

\$455 and Jeff Ranta for \$975. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Education

Manager Polasik reported that he attended the EMWREP meeting. Angie Hong discussed the Blue Thumb Program and potentially adding agriculture properties to the program. Attendees felt adding agriculture would overwhelm the program and recommended continuing to have WCD provide ag outreach. Ms Hong outlined a possible water quality promotion/education project using a coaster distribution campaign and contest. WCD will work with ag property owners to complete applications for Natural Resources Conservation Service funding. Managers discussed the importance of showing ag property owners how changing practices can save money.

9. Monitoring

There was no report.

10. New Business

a. Audit—Board Action Required

Manager Kronmiller moved to receive the 2009 audit report. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0. Acceptance of the report will be on next month's agenda.

b. Silver Creek Proposal—Great River Greening

Administrator Shaver reviewed Greening's proposal for restoration work along Silver Creek.

Manager Polasik moved to contract with Great River Greening for spot treating reed canary grass and broadcasting prairie seed for a total of \$1,000, of which \$750 will come from the Bridget Lyle Fund and \$250 from District funds. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

c. Stream monitoring in Zavoral Creek

Administrator Shaver reported that Erik Anderson (WCD) suggested monitoring Zavoral Creek flow this year because this might be a watershed trigger, it is in the area to be considered for focused watershed management, it will provide needed baseline information related to Tiller mining operations and WCD has the monitoring equipment. Discussion focused on stream monitoring as a condition of the Tiller mining permit, but not as a requirement of its Environmental Impact Statement (only well monitoring is required). The Managers agreed to consider additional monitoring at the workshop.

Manager Kronmiller moved to allocate \$1,750 to monitor Zavoral Creek for flow this season. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

d. John Bower Citation

Administrator Shaver reported that Washington County appointed Kristen Tuenge to the District Board instead of John Bower, in order to get more representation from the Orphan Area. Administrator Shaver presented a resolution to honor, publicly

acknowledge and express appreciation to John Bower for his 16 years of service on the Board. **Manager Caldecott enthusiastically moved to acknowledge John Bower's service to the District. Second by Manager Dupre. Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Mud Lake Macrophyte Study for New TMDL

Dan Fabian reported that the curly leaf pondweed in Mud Lake is already starting to die off. Although the MPCA requested that the District add macrophyte analysis to its monitoring, this expense is not reimbursable until a contract is signed. EOR submitted a proposal to take samples, but not have them analyzed until a contract is signed.

Manager Caldecott moved to approve a one-time Mud Lake water sample collection for a cost not to exceed \$648. Second by Manager Kronmiller. Motion carried 6-0.

The Managers expressed concern about the contract delay.

11. Old/Other Business-

a. Management Plan Approval Time Line

Administrator Shaver reported that he, Dan Fabian and Melissa Lewis (BWSR) met to discuss the approval timeline. The agency review will end on July 8, though Ms Lewis expects to provide comments by next week and the Metropolitan Council does not have any. The BSWR Metro Committee will meet on August 4. If approved by the Committee, the Plan will go to the full board on August 26. To meet the BWSR timeline, the District will need to consider comments at its July 12 meeting. If there are substantial changes, a special meeting will be needed.

b. Health Care Coverage Increase, \$718.85 to \$751.91—Board Action Required

Manager Kronmiller moved to approve the increase in health care coverage from \$718.85 to \$751.91. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.

12. Administrator's Report

Administrator Shaver reported the following:

- Out of town June 21 thru July 2.
- Robin of the Chocolate House sent a thank-you letter for approval of her BMP project.
- Todd Udvig is WCD's new wetland specialist.
- There are troubling beaver dams on Mill Stream. Manager Bower provided past policy on dams: if a dam on a main channel is impacting flow, the District pays for trapping.
- Monitoring workshop is scheduled for June 16.

13. Next Meeting, Adjourn

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010.

Manager Kronmiller moved to adjourn. Second by Manager Lennes. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by
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