

**Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting January 8, 2014**

Managers Present: Kristin Tuenge, Victoria Dupre, Eric Lindberg, Tom Polasik, and Andy Weaver.

Managers Absent: Steven Kronmiller, Dave DeVault

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Ray Marshall and Susannah Torseth (Legal Counsel), Carl Almer (EOR), Jed Chestnut (WCD), Carmen Simonet (Recorder).

Manager Tuenge called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

1. Approve Agenda—Board Action

Manager Dupre moved to approve the January 8, 2014 agenda as amended. Second by Polasik Manager. Motion carried 5/0.

2. Approve December Minutes

The draft minutes were unavailable and tabled until the next regular meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report—Board Action

Manager Weaver moved approval of the January 8, 2014 Treasurer's report. Second by Manager Dupre. Motion carried 5/0.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Project Status Update

a. Engineer's Report

Carl Almer provided an update on current projects.

b. Other Projects —197th St. Ravine, NPS Ravine, MOSC Storm Water, Fairy Falls

i. 197th St. Ravine

Administrator Shaver reported on his discussions with the City of Marine.

Manager Tuenge asked about the availability of the assessment map and asked the administrator to bring it to future Board meetings for reference.

ii. NPS Ravine- no update

iii. Marine on St. Croix Local Surface Water Management Plan

Administrator Shaver reported the City of Marine is close to adopting the Watershed's plan.

iv. Fairy Falls

The Managers discussed the draft Fairy Falls Stabilization and Restoration Concept Plan. Administrator Shaver and Manager Polasik are planning to meet with the National Park Service (NPS). Manager Weaver asked if BCWD might have an interest in the Fairy Falls cost-share project because of its close proximity to Brown's Creek.

6. Cost Share Report

Jed Chestnut reported there has not been much activity the last few months. He will prepare the year end report soon. Mr. Chestnut was recently contacted by a property owner on Twin Lake who is interested in converting agricultural land into prairie. A discussion followed, regarding methods of determining when to establish tall or short grass prairie. Soil surveys, soil samples and the Marschner map of the original vegetation of Minnesota were cited as useful resources in determining the type of prairie to establish.

7. New Business

a. Changes to Bank Account Signatures- Motion to remove John Bower, change status of Manger Tuenge to President and Kronmiller to Treasurer, add other Board members—Board Action
Manager Weaver moved to remove John Bower as signatore and name all the managers as signatores. Seconded by Manager Polasik. motion carried 5/0.

b. EOR Rates—Board Action
Manager Tuenge reported EOR is requesting a 3% rate increase for their engineering services in 2014.
Manager Dupre moved to approve the rate increase. Seconded by Manager Tuenge. motion carried 5/0.

8. Discussion Points

a. Future Meetings Calendar

Administrator Shaver reported a public plan amendment workshop is scheduled for Wednesday January 29, 2014.

b. Plan amendment Workshop

Mr. Shaver invited the managers to participate in the workshop. He will present an overview at the meeting and also noted groundwater and aquatic invasive species (AIS) are new components that will be going into the plan. To prepare for the meeting he encourages reviewing specific plan sections and will send an email to the managers with links to these sections.

Mr. Shaver plans to send comments on the Washington County groundwater plan by January 25th, the comments are due January 26, 2014.

c. Manager Appointments

Administrator Shaver reported the appointments of managers Lindberg and Dupre are expiring soon and will need to be filled. Manager Lindberg said that he is willing to commit to a full three years. Manager Dupre needs time to review before making a decision and will let the Board know soon.

11. Bills to be Paid—Board Action

Manager Polasik moved to approve the December 31, 2013 bills to be paid in the amount of \$20,511.69. Second by Manager Weaver. Motion carried 5/0.

12. Administrator's Report

13. Next Meeting is Weds., January 29 - Plan Workshop with public

14. Adjourn

Manager Weaver moved to adjourn. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Submitted by
Carmen Simonet, Recorder