

**Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Regular Meeting June 11, 2012**

Managers Present: Steven Kronmiller, John Lennes, Thomas Polasik, Kristin Tuenge, Richard Caldecott, and Victoria Dupre.

Managers Absent: Jason Husveth.

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

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

1. Approve June 11 Agenda—Board Action

Manager Caldecott moved to approve the June 11, 2012 agenda as presented. Second by Manager Tuenge. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approve May 14 Minutes—Board Action

Manager Polaski moved approval of the May 14, 2012 minutes as presented. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Treasurer's Report and Bills to be Paid—Board Action

Manager Tuenge presented the Treasurer's Report.

Manager Polasik moved approval of the Treasurer's Report. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Caldecott moved approval of the May 15-June 6, 2012 bills to be paid in the amount of \$28,895.76. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Permit Status Update, Permits/Violations

Mr. Almer presented two action items.

Manager Tuenge moved to authorize the Administrator to issue Marine Elementary School Permit 12-005 pending recommendations of the District engineer. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Tuenge moved to cancel Folkman Permit 11-004 and authorize the Administrator to close the permit file. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Shaver reported that he and Dan Fabian have been reviewing three subdivision developments in Stillwater Township for completeness. After meeting with the township engineer, Administrator Shaver will present recommendations to the Board on surety closeouts.

6. Project Status Update

Mr. Almer reported that no comments were received on the TMDL Report during the comment period. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will submit the final report to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) probably in June. Final EPA approval is expected in July or August.

a. Goose Lake Review

Mr. Almer reported that Administrator Shaver and Mr. Fabian met with the City of Scandia engineer to review the draft plans. Minor changes to the culvert design were agreed to. Next steps are to update the plan and hydrologic model, obtain easements and finalize the bidding documents and grading permit.

7. Cost Share Program Update

Ms Carolan reported that the subcommittee reviewed four applications and recommended approval of all. **Manager Tuenge moved approval of the four cost share grants with some modifications as recommended by the subcommittee for Hervin, \$1,635.00; McLaughlin, \$2,617.00; Leverentz, \$1,922; Hipp, \$1,106 for a total of \$7,281.10. Second by Manager Dupre. Motion carried 6-0.**

8. New Business

a. Square Lake CWP-DNR Response Letter

Administrator Shaver reported that he, Mr. Marshall and Andrea Plevan (EOR) met with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff. Staff indicated that they are amenable to a moratorium on trout stocking over the next three years if several conditions can be met. Ms. Plevan and Dr. Leif Hembre of Hamline University are drafting a proposal to address these conditions. Once the conditions are agreed upon, the DNR will hold a public meeting.

b. Agenda for Workshop on June 25th in Scandia

i. TMDL Implementation Plan

Administrator Shaver reported that he and Jay Riggs will be refining assessments and lake specific implementation plans.

ii. Budgeting

Administrator Shaver requested that Managers get suggestions to him for inclusion in the draft budget. He will provide a draft budget within the week.

c. 2011 Draft Water Quality Report Questions—Board Action

It was agreed to table this discussion to allow more time for review. Questions about the report should be forwarded to Administrator Shaver. If there are a substantial number of questions, Erik Anderson (WCD) will be invited to next month's meeting.

9. Old/Other Business

a. Revised Groundwater Monitoring Proposal from Stu Grubb (from 3/5)

Administrator Shaver reported that an analysis of the groundwater monitoring proposal indicates a weak link to the District Management Plan. If the proposal were to be approved, funding would need to come from reserve funds. He did not provide a recommendation.

Manager Dupre, based on past discussions and positions, moved to not fund the groundwater monitoring project at this time, but rather, work with Washington County as it begins drafting its groundwater plan and encourage the County to fund the monitoring on a cost share basis. Second by Manager Lennes. Motion carried 6-0.

b. AIS Proposal-- Board Action

Administrator Shaver reported that he and Managers Tuenge and Caldecott met to refine the AIS proposal. They recommended forming a committee to draft a policy defining the District's role and responsibilities in six areas for each species of concern. Discussion included the cost of the needs assessment for each lake; acknowledgement that the data should be available from sources such as the District TMDL Report and the DNR; the need to determine what is being and can be done by what agency(s) and the need to develop a method to work cooperatively with other agencies, communicate information to the public and possibly amend the District plan to address AIS. **Manager Dupre moved to approve the creation of a Board committee to develop an aquatic invasive species policy and a proposed budget for the implementation of the policy to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Second by Manager Lennes. Motion carried 6-0.**

Administration Shaver stated that he will provide cost estimates for the budget workshop and Manager Tuenge invited other managers to join the committee.

c. Sand/Long CWP—Board Action

Manager Kronmiller reported that Manager Lennes, Administrator Shaver and Mr. Almer have been working to refine the plan recommendations and are pretty close. Manager Lennes stated that he appreciates all the time spent on the plan and reworking it, but he still has concerns that are not part of the plan. His concerns are with the long-term predictability and viability of the 10-year water quality average. Though Long Lake has had water quality spikes, the overall trend seems to be improving. Long Lake residents are more concerned with the lake getting shallower and more filled with vegetation and question the need to spend money on water quality. Mr. Almer stated that they agree to differ on if the 10-year average is the right average to use. He also clarified that the sand/iron maintenance frequency rates on the BMPs are based on the best estimates from research conducted by Andy Erikson at the University of Minnesota.

Manager Dupre moved to submit the Sand and Long Lakes Clean Water Partnership Plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for approval with the

condition to remove the words special and temporal on page 30 of the plan. Second by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-1.

10. Administrator's Report

Administrator Shaver reported the following:

- a. Mr. Almer will attend the MAWD meeting and provide a report to the Board.
- b. 110th St and Hwy 95 Project. After talking with Dan Fabian, Mr. Marshall spoke with Xcel Energy's attorney and clarified that as long as the power poles are 10 feet from the District pipes there is no problem with work in the easement area.
- c. Channel maintenance—Manager Polasik alerted Administrator Shaver to a water backup at the railroad trestle along Big Carnelian Lake. Administrator Shaver removed the blockage. He also reported that he added all the stop logs to the Turtle Lake weir. The water level is about seven inches from the top of the Big Marine outflow in the down stream side.
- d. Water Consortium. The Washington County Board will be evaluating property acquisition priorities with the majority of the priority properties currently being in CMSCWD. The County is considering having summer interns or part-time employees inventory all the permitted BMPs in the County to assess maintenance needs.
- e. Several residents have expressed interest in applying for appointment to the District Board.
- f. Request to Purchase a Bliss Addition Lot from the District. Mr. Marshall will investigate this request.

11. Next Meeting, Adjourn

The next board meeting is Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Marine.

Manager Tuenge moved to adjourn. Second by Manager Caldecott. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by

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