

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Washington Conservation District  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Present: David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Randy Nelson, Afton; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Cindie Reiter; Lake St. Croix Beach; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Dave Zanmiller, Lakeland Shores; Amy Husveth, Administrator; and Shari Larkin, Secretary. Also in attendance were Jon Chiglo from MnDOT; Todd Clarkowski, MnDOT; Bruce Irish, MnDOT; Beth Nuendorf, MnDOT; Todd Shoemaker, Wenck

**5:39PM – Special Workshop – St. Croix Crossing Project Presentation**

Representatives from MnDOT were in attendance to answer questions and address any concerns regarding the proposed stormwater treatment associated with the upcoming St. Croix Crossing Project. Mr. Beaudet had concerns regarding the proposed new systems and its affects in Oak Park Heights' existing system. It was recommended that he submit his concerns in writing to MnDOT to ensure that they are being addressed as the project moves forward.

**Call to Order – Regular Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the September 13, 2012 minutes was made by Ms. St. Ores, seconded by Mr. Pohlana. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$201,263.79. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,028.26. The ending 4M balance is \$31,980.03. There are six invoices to be approved: Kathy Anderson in the amount of \$500.00; Shari Larkin in the amount of \$105.00; Stantec Consulting Services in the amount of \$195.00; Sunnyside II in the amount of \$401.09; and two for Washington Conservation District in the amounts of \$114.00 and \$4,687.97.

Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Reiter, moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills presented. The motion carried.

**Public Comments**

No comments.

**Annual 2013 Budget Presentation to County Commissioners – meeting summary**

Administrator Husveth presented the annual budget to the County Commissioners on Tuesday. A comparison of the budgets of the other Watershed Districts in Washington County was provided to the Board. We were commended on the amount of work accomplished while keeping the budget low. The increase in expenditures over last year is from grant funds that will be received in 2013.

### **BWSR Clean Water Fund, application summary**

Two Clean Water Fund applications were submitted from MSCWMO. One was for additional projects within the Lily Lake subwatershed, and the other was for drainage issues on Quixote Avenue in Lakeland. We also partnered with Washington County on their application for identifying failing septic systems and working to get them repaired in the cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores.

### **Perro Creek Subwatershed Assessment Update**

As part of the 2014 plan update, an assessment of Perro Creek and Perro Pond has been started. In the next month, we will be out in the field doing assessments of drainage areas in Oak Park Heights and Bayport and looking for opportunities for completing projects. That report should be done by next Spring and then we will be putting in the next round of applications for projects within the Perro Creek drainage area.

### **MnDOT Correspondence Discussion**

Mr. Pohlana had requested that Administrator Husveth draft a letter to MnDOT thanking them for attending the special workshop tonight, and for working with MSCWMO so closely during this project. Mr. Pohlana made a motion to approve sending the letter to MnDOT. Mr. Kylo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. St. Ores requested that it be added to the letter that the MSCWMO requirements are listed on our website. The amendment to the motion was agreeable to the members making the motion.

Club Tara – Construction will be started prior to our next meeting. The stormwater treatment portion will be part of the new bridge project. Administrator Husveth will review the plan for Club Tara for all aspects without the stormwater portion of the project. Mr. Pohlana made a motion to approve that Administrator Husveth will review what is currently available, with stormwater reviewed at a later time. Mr. Beaudet seconded the motion.

### **Project Database – Countywide Collaboration**

The Water Consortium is requesting that each of the partner's commit to a maximum of \$5,000 towards building a project database to track all of the BMP projects that have been installed. Proposals from Flat Rock Geographics and Houston Engineering for building the database were included in the Board packet. The total cost would be split between eight partners, with this cost coming out of our 2014 Plan Update budget. Mr. Beaudet made a motion that we send a letter requesting that the cost be calculated based on the area size of each organization. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The issue will be addressed again at next month's meeting.

### **Equine Pasture Management Program**

Washington Conservation District is partnering with the University of Minnesota in a program for horse owners with pastures. The homeowner can sign up to receive information from the U of M. They will come out to the property and do a full assessment and give detailed information on what kind of plants are growing on site and if they are

harmful, how to manage the manure on site (which is a water quality improvement for us), and grazing management plans. The cost per landowner is \$650. The Washington Conservation District is asking watersheds if they would consider cost-sharing on the amount, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Administrator Husveth recommended that we cost-share 25% of the \$650 cost, or up to half of the cost. The Board recommended that the cost-share would be awarded if the plan is adopted by the landowner. Administrator Husveth will draft a plan and bring it to the next meeting.

### **MSCWMO 2014 Plan Update**

#### **Draft Plan Goals**

#### **First Stakeholder Meeting**

The 1<sup>st</sup> stakeholder meeting for the plan update will be the first week of November. We are planning to have two or three stakeholder meetings. The first meeting will be to discuss general goals for the plan update with the stakeholders, which will be BWSR, MPCA, etc. Any community members and Board members are welcome. Administrator Husveth has drafted general goals for the MSCWMO. Please review the goals and provide any additional goals or comments to Administrator Husveth.

#### **Plan Reviews/Submittals**

None at this time.

#### **Administrators Report**

Administrator Husveth provided a written report. She also mentioned McKusick Lake is being proposed for delisting in 2012. That process could take up to a year.

#### **Other Agenda Items**

None.

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM.