

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
March 8th, 2012

Present: David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Randy Nelson, Afton; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Dave Zanmiller, Lakeland Shores; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Amy Carolan, Administrator.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January 12th, 2011 minutes was made by Mr. Kylo, seconded by Ms. St. Ores. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$122,719.36. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,021.98. The ending 4M balance is \$31,997.89. Mr. Kylo reported that there were four bills to be approved: St. Croix Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$16,610.65; Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$4,143.75; Washington Conservation District, \$4,282.50; Washington Conservation District \$134.00.

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

Public Comment

No comments.

Introduction of new Board Member Dave Zanmiller

Lily Lake Raingarden Project, 2nd payment request for completed work

The installation of the Lily Lake Raingardens was close to completion at the end of 2011. We have received a 2nd invoice from St. Croix Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$16,610.65. The total contract amount is just over \$47,000. After payment of this current invoice, the majority of the work has been paid for. In the spring, they will be coming back to complete the curb cuts and do final grading. Then we will go forward into the maintenance phase. We have already received 90% of the grant funding for this project through a BWSR, the remainder of the grant will be paid to the MSCWMO at the completion of the project.

MSCWMO 2014 Plan Update

The subcommittee has met twice since the last Board meeting to discuss updating the Watershed Management Plan. They also met with BWSR to review the requirements for updating the Plan. The subcommittee asked Washington Conservation District to

submit an estimate to prepare the Plan update. The estimate was for \$28,814.50, which covers 400 hours of time. The subcommittee felt that was an acceptable amount, and did not require going out for RFPs since the original budget was \$100,000. A list of additional studies was also compiled, the board can make a decision on additional studies as needed. At this time, approval is only being requested for the contract with Washington Conservation District. Mr. Beaudet would like Administrator Carolan to discuss the list of additional studies with the City of Stillwater for input on the in-lake management plan. A motion to approve the contract with Washington Conservation District was made by Ms. St. Ores and seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion carried.

Perro Creek Spring Neighborhood Clean Up Update

We are working with the City of Bayport to coordinate a volunteer event to clean up the Perro Creek corridor. A postcard will be sent to all riparian landowners. The City has agreed to haul all the bagged waste to the compost site. The event will be held April 10th and 11th from 3:00-7:00pm. St. Croix River Association will be partnering on this event. Mr. Beaudet requested that we inquire whether Sentence To Serve would be able to send a crew to assist.

Lakeland Beach Project Update

We are still working on the permitting portion of the Lakeland Beach stabilization project. On Tuesday, Administrator Carolan met with representative from Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, FEMA and Park Service to discuss the additional requirements we will need to meet for permitting. The project consists of 150 linear feet of riprap and plantings to stabilize the area adjacent to the parking lot.

2012 Water Monitoring, potential changes

The preliminary 2011 monitoring data is being finalized. Brown's Creek Watershed District is reporting much higher levels of phosphorus and metals coming through the diversion structure, which gets directed to McKusick Lake. The recommendation is to monitor McKusick Lake for metals in 2012. The cost would be \$475. To offset that additional cost, Administrator Carolan recommends discontinuing the monitoring at two drainage areas, which cost \$496. Brown's Creek is adding additional monitoring for metals at Long Lake and several of their storm pond outlets that drain to the diversion structure. Administrator Carolan will provide further information on the Brown's Creek Watershed District monitoring locations at next months meeting. A motion to approve the monitoring changes was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Kylo. Motion carried.

2011 Draft Annual Report

An Annual Report is required by BWSR but it is also sent to the County every year. Printed copies were provided for Board members, and it is also available on our website. Administrator Carolan requested approval of the Annual Report. A motion to approve the Annual Report was made by Mr. Beaudet and seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion carried.

St. Croix Boat Tour, 2012 Presentation Topics

The tour will be in June this year. The DNR would like to know what topics should be addressed. Managing invasive species was a topic submitted. If Board members have any additional topics, please forward to Administrator Carolan in a week or so.

Cost Share Projects

New Project Applications

Tara Majeski – This project is located on 30th Street North in Baytown Township. They would like to install a 75 square foot raingarden that would capture approximately .1 pounds per year of phosphorus and up to 6 pounds per year of total suspended solids. The total cost is \$1,034.50 and they are requesting \$517.25. The project scored a 25 and we typically approve anything that ranks over a 22. Administrator Carolan recommended we approve the project. A motion to approve the project was made by Ms. St. Ores and seconded by Mr. Beaudet. Motion carried.

Fairview Cemetary – The cemetery has come forward asking for support in installing ¼ acre native planting in a low area of the cemetery. That location floods every year, so this planting would help with infiltration. The total cost is \$3,647.00 and they are requesting \$1,823.50, which would include approximately 1,500 plants. The project scored a 25. A motion to approve 25% of the project cost was made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Kylo. Motion carried.

Reimbursement Request

Sunnyside I – The receipts were not submitted in time for approval at the meeting, but Mr. Beaudet made a motion to approve the payment when the receipts are submitted. Ms. St. Ores seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Plan Reviews and Submittals

None at this time.

Administrators Report

Administrator Carolan provided a written report.

Other Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Zeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM, seconded by Mr. Kylo. Motion carried.