

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
May 10th, 2012

Present: David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Daniel Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Dave Zanmiller, Lakeland Shores; Amy Carolan, Administrator; Erik Anderson, Washington Conservation District; and Shari Larkin, Secretary.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April 12th, 2012 minutes was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Polehna. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Administrator Carolan presented the treasurer's report. She reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$84,286.29. Administrator Carolan reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,024.08. The ending 4M balance is \$31,978.50. There are eight invoices to be approved: Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$10,798.50; Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$7,318.00, Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$478.50; Washington Conservation District in the amount of \$392.60; \$55.00 for Kennedy & Graven; \$110.00 for Helmer Printing; \$1,640.00 for All Weather Services; and \$82.50 for Shari Larkin. One invoice will be going out this month to the City of Lake St. Croix Beach for \$2,906.25 for reimbursement for the bluff restoration work done in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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

Public Comments

No comments.

2011 State of the Waters in MSCWMO – Presentation by Erik Anderson

Erik Anderson from Washington Conservation District presented the 2011 water monitoring results and recommendations for 2012.

MSCWMO 2014 Plan Update

The next subcommittee meeting is June 7, 2012 at 8:00AM.

St. Croix Crossing Project Discussion

Administrator Carolan met with MnDOT a couple weeks ago and received an update on the proposed stormwater drainage for the project. A map was presented to the Board. Stormwater runoff that is currently going to Lily Lake will continue to go there and be treated through a system of ponds. The next section currently goes through Perro

Creek drainageway, then outleting through Perro Creek through to the St. Croix River. The major change would be that all the runoff would be routed to Peabody Pond and then outleted through a series of ponds to the riverside pond and then to the St. Croix. There are also some infiltration features proposed for Sunnyside Condominiums. A bluff infiltration pond will be in place of where Highway 95 currently is. Infiltration is also proposed near Bayport to treat the runoff from the new Highway 95. Back in 2005, before our new rules were adopted, the Board had directed MnDOT to respect the subwatersheds, so anything currently draining to Lily Lake would continue to go to Lily Lake; and anything going to Perro Creek or the St. Croix would continue to go to those water bodies. With the proposed design, that is not being followed. MnDot would like direction as to whether to follow the proposed design, or follow the recommendation from 2005. Mr. Beaudet pointed out that Oak Park Heights has the only culvert, where all the water flows into Perro Creek. The proposed design would have a parallel system going down the corridor. For a long-term strategy, we need a way to get water into Prison Pond. Mr. Zeller requested that we work with MnDot on what options are available as far as the drainage from the north side of Highway 36. We spend a lot of time and resources increasing the flow of Perro Creek. We also need MnDOT to address the water from the proposed bridge deck as well, which is planned to overflow from the ponds to the off ramp. The State of Wisconsin will be responsible for maintenance, including snow and ice removal. Mr. Pohlen made a motion to approve working with MnDOT on options going through Prison Pond, as well as the other suggestions/concerns. Mr. Zeller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lily and McKusick Phase II Project Implementation Update

We have received a grant from BWSR for Phase II. Brochures have been sent to the two target neighborhoods for an open house that will be held next week. We have applied for funding for engineering assistance from the NPEAP program. An RFP has been put out to five firms for engineering services for the design of 20 curb cut raingardens.

BWSR Biennial Budget Request

BWSR is introducing a new system for funding requests. Our request for the next two years is due by the end of June for projects we would like to work on over the next three years and how much they would cost. Any approved funding would then come in one amount. Administrator Carolan would like information from the Board regarding what projects their communities would like to see completed. Mr. Zeller would like us to look into greywater uses for golf courses.

Cost Share Projects

New Project Applications - Mr Zeller made a motion to approve Amy's recommendation for the cost-share projects. Mr Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried. In the future, we will require landowners to submit two estimates. All of the estimates for these projects are from St. Croix Valley Landscaping. Residents called SCVL directly due to the projects that were done at Lily Lake. Mr Polehna made the motion and Mr. Zeller seconded. Motion carried.

Mark and Lisa Maghrack (Stillwater) – The recommendation is for 25% cost share for up to \$1,389.13.

Mike Wilhelmi (Stillwater) – This project will not be funded at this time, but will look at it again later in the summer.

Sandy Potter (Bayport) – The recommendation is for 25% cost share for up to \$1,528.75.

Virginia Wells (Oak Park Heights) – The recommendation is for 25% cost share for up to \$1,187.50.

Rose Foley (Stillwater) – The recommendation is for 25% cost share for up to \$1,092.05.

Plan Reviews and Submittals

Stillwater 2012 Street Improvement Project – We received a submittal from the City of Stillwater to complete their 2012 street reconstruction project. After two minor comments, everything meets policy and performance standards. Administrator Carolan recommends that we accept the plan with the two comments. Mr Fredkove made a motion to approve. Mr. Beaudet seconded. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

Administrator Carolan provided a written report. St. Croix River Association will be touring our projects on May 30th starting at 8:00am.

Other Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn

Ms. Reiter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM, seconded by Mr. Zeller. Motion carried.