

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
September 13th, 2012

Present: David Beaudet, Oak Park Heights; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Cindie Reiter; Lake St. Croix Beach; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; and 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 August 9, 2012 minutes was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Beaudet. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$199,897.25. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,026.17. The ending 4M balance is \$31,979.73. There are four invoices to be approved: Two for All Weather Services in the amounts of \$475.00 and \$350.00; and two for Washington Conservation District in the amounts of \$829.00 and \$5,586.25.

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

Public Comments

No comments.

2013 Annual Budget Review and Approval – It was requested at the last meeting that Administrator Carolan come back with a budget of \$109,000.00, decreased from \$112,000.00. The revised budget was sent out to each of the member communities for a placeholder for their 2013 budgets. Administrator Carolan has not received any comments. A motion to approve the 2013 budget was made by Mr. Fredkove and seconded by Mr. Zeller. Motion carried. Mr. Zeller requested that the BMP Cost-Share be capped at \$500.00 per landowner.

2014 Plan Update Expenditures Spreadsheet – Mr. Zeller requested that the expenditure spreadsheet be included as a reminder of what will be spent to update the Watershed Management Plan. The total amount is \$28,814.50. The additional tasks that were considered came to \$38,880.00. The two items that were approved in those tasks were the Perro Creek Subwatershed Assessment (\$5,000.00 approved plus grant funds) and the Stillwater Lakes In-Lake Management Plan (\$9,200.00 approved).

BWSR Clean Water Fund FY2013 Applications – the BWSR grant applications are due 9-14-2012 for FY2013. A motion to approve the three grant applications was made by Mr. Zeller, seconded by Mr. Pohlena. Motion carried.

Quixote Ave. Drainage – The overall project cost is \$100,000.00. \$75,000.00 would come from the BWSR grant, with the remaining coming from the City of Lakeland. MSCWMO role would be participating in project development, outreach, and the design phase of the project.

Lily Lake Phase 3 - The overall project cost is \$37,500.00. \$30,000.00 would come from the BWSR grant, with the remaining coming from the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization as Administrator Carolan's time. The project would possibly include porous pavement or some raingardens to capture runoff.

County Septic Grant Partnership – The County has asked if we would be willing to partner on a septic related grant application. The Cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores are already partnering with the County and have submitted letters indicating their intent to partner. The City of Lakeland has around 297 septic systems where there are no current permit record for them. The purpose of the project is to find those septic systems along the river that are failing. The County and those Cities will be doing the enforcement, they are just requesting our support, and perhaps our logo on some mailings. The total grant application is \$22,500.00. No funding will come from MSCWMO.

Lakeland Beach Restoration Project Update

We have received the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Approval is still needed from FEMA. Administrator Carolan was told by Dan Seemon (Army Corps of Engineers) that FEMA has approved, but we are waiting for the approval in writing. At that point, the project can be started. We are currently accepting bids from contractors for the rock work. We have received an extension from BWSR to June 30, 2013 to complete the project due to the delays in permitting.

Consulting Watershed Engineer Update

Due to Pete Young leaving the Washington Conservation District, it was decided at last month's meeting to go out for bid for engineering services until a replacement is hired at the WCD. Administrator Carolan has received bids from Barr, Wenck and EOR. We have received bids from Wenck and EOR. The proposals have been reviewed by two members of WCD staff, and the recommendation is to contract with Wenck on an hourly basis until the engineering position is filled. A motion to approve contracting with Wenck was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Ms. Reiter. Motion carried.

Cost Share Projects

Reimbursement Requests –two reimbursement applications to approve tonight. A motion to approve the payments was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Pohlana. Motion carried.

Sunnyside II – This project was initially approved for \$500.00, but half of what they spent was \$401.09. Administrator Carolan recommends approving the payment.

Kathy Anderson – The reimbursement request is for \$500.00. Administrator Carolan recommends approving the payment.

Plan Reviews/Submittals

Administrator Carolan just spoke to the engineer's for the McDonald's on 60th Street in Oak Park Heights. There was a delay in the project, but Administrator Carolan recommends giving them our initial comments rather than going through the whole procedure again. As long as the project has remained the same, Mr. Beaudet made a motion to approve submitting our original comments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fredkove. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

Administrator Carolan provided a written report. She also noted that this week is the grand opening of the Maplewood Mall stormwater management features, and October 9th is the annual County budget hearing where watershed budgets are presented to the Commissioners.

Other Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Fredkove moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28PM, seconded by Ms. Reiter. Motion carried.