

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
December 12, 2013

Present: Mike Polena, Stillwater; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; John Fellego, Baytown Township; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Randy Nelson, Afton; and Mike Isensee, Administrator

Call to Order – Regular Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the November 14, 2013 minutes was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Kylo. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance is \$192,888.37. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$84,037.70. The ending 4M balance is \$31,984.29. Bills to be approved this month are: \$170.00 Carmen Simonet Design, \$9,924.00 Washington Conservation District, \$9,833.00 Washington Conservation District.

Mr Fellego, seconded by Ms. Anderson, moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

MSCWMO Accounts Update

Mr. Isensee informed the board that the transfer of the 4M account balance of \$31,94.29 was in process of being transferred to First State Bank and Trust. Postpone the transfer of RBC savings account and revaluated at a later date Ms. St. Ores, seconded by Mr. Fellego. The motion carried.

Water Quality Monitoring Summary and Discussion

Administrator Isensee provided an overview of the water quality monitoring program parameters, expenses and information gained from each station. The board discussed changes to the monitoring strategy for identifying the influence of Brick Pond on the water quality of Lily Lake and the influence of Perro Pond the on the water quality of Perro Creek. The board reviewed the monitoring options and associated costs submitted by the Washington Conservation District. The discussed past monitoring and projects on Perro Pond and Perro Creek. Mr. Zeller requested a presentation of what has been done and what progress has been made on Perro from 2000-2013.

St. Croix Crossing Water Resources Information Submittal

On November 12, 2013 the Minnesota Department of Transportation submitted water resource related information for three projects of the St. Croix Crossings Projects. Administrator Isensee summarized the results of meeting with member communities and the previous administrator regarding the review and requests of the crossing project to date. Administrator Isensee reviewed the response letter to MnDOT's submission

RBC Blue Water Fund Letter of Interest

Administrator Isensee reviewed the draft letter of interest for the RBC Blue Water Project foundation funding for education, outreach, technical assistance and green infrastructure retrofits in Stillwater. Mr. Polena moved to submit the letter of interest, seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion carried.

MSCWMO BMP Program- Blue Thumb Discussion

Administrator Isensee presented the Blue Thumb model for education, design and installation of residential scale grant program. The board indicated interest in implementing this type of model as a portion of the existing WMO BMP Program. Requested administrator Isensee develop materials for further discuss and a motion at the January, 9, 2014 board meeting.

2014 Minnesota Conservation Corps Grant Application

Administrator Isensee is requesting board approval to submit a 2014 MCC Grant application for a total of 12 days for the construction and maintenance of conservation projects. The match required for these crews is \$5,087.00. Mr. Zeller, seconded by Ms. Reiter, moved to approve the 2014 application. The motion carried.

Excel Energy King Plant Rail Yard Expansion Project

On December 8th, the MSCWMO received a plan review request from Excel Energy for the Rail Yard Expansion Project in Oak Park Heights. The project as designed does not meet MSCWMO Policies and Performance Standards. Mr. Fellegy motioned to accept the recommendation to request plan changes to meet erosion and sediment control and permanent stormwater management requirements, Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

A written report was provided.

Other Agenda Items

None

Adjourn

Msr Kyllö moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion carried.