

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
January 10th, 2013

Present: Les Abrahamson, Oak Park Heights; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Mike Pohlen, Stillwater; Randy Kopesky, Lakeland Shores; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Cindie Rieter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Amy Husveth, Administrator; and Shari Larkin, Secretary.

Call to Order – Regular Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

One change was noted in the December minutes. Quixote Avenue in Lakeland was spelled incorrectly. A motion to approve the revised December 13, 2012 minutes was made by Mr. Fredkove, seconded by Mr. Kylo. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kylo presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the remaining checking account balance was \$179,234.13. Mr. Kylo reported that the ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,030.67. The ending 4M balance is \$31,980.95. There are seven bills to be approved: Five for Washington Conservation District in the amounts of \$197.40, \$2,665.50, \$2,219.00, \$1,386.00, and \$292.93; one for Phil Johnson in the amount of \$1,000.00; and one for Wenck in the amount of \$432.00.

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

Public Comments

None.

Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer – 2 year terms

Chairperson – Mr. Kylo nominated Mr. Zeller. Ms. Anderson seconded.

Vice Chairperson – Mr. Pohlen nominated Mr. Fredkove. Ms. Anderson seconded.

Secretary – Ms. Anderson nominated Ms. Reiter. Mr. Zeller seconded.

Treasurer – Mr. Zeller nominated Mr. Kylo. Ms. Reiter seconded.

Board Alternates

Louise Russell should be removed as the St. Mary's Point alternate. Randy Kopesky will be the Lakeland Shores alternate. If any alternate positions are open, please check with your communities as to whom they would like to elect and advise Administrator Husveth of any changes.

County Groundwater Plan – Workgroup Meetings

Washington County is looking to update their Groundwater Plan. There are two workgroup meetings coming up. The first meeting will be on January 17th and the topic

will be wellhead protection, which will include discussions on sealing abandoned wells. The second meeting will be held on January 24th to talk about contaminants of emerging concern. An invitation to those meetings is extended to the entire MSCWMO Board. If you are interested in attending, please let Administrator Husveth know and she will forward the meeting information to you.

2014 Watershed Plan Update

We are in the middle of the Plan update. Some additional projects to be added to the Plan are drainage areas to Perro Pond and Perro Creek. There is potential for another \$5,000 to be available from the Metro Conservation District which could be put towards another assessment, such as Stillwater's direct drainage to St. Croix.

City of Lakeland Beach Project Update

The major rockwork is complete on the project. Plantings will be added in the Spring. Administrator Husveth presented some photos to the Board.

Lily and McKusick Lake Raingarden Project Phase II Update

Preliminary plans have been reviewed with the Engineer and input from residents has been requested regarding the plants for the raingardens. Installation will occur in the Spring.

Cost-Share Program

Reimbursement Request

Phil Johnson – Lake St. Croix Beach - \$1,000 – Mr. Johnson built two raingardens to help address flooding issues on Quentin Avenue. The raingardens are taking flow off of the roadway and preventing it from going downstream. Mr. Johnson did all the work on the raingardens himself. Administrator Husveth recommends approving the final payment of \$1,000. Mr. Fredkove made a motion to approve the \$1,000 final payment. Mr. Pohlana seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Project Applications

Mr. Frank Nauss – Stillwater – The total cost for this project (which drains to Lily Lake) is \$9,900 to replace portions of their driveway with pervious turfstone. Administrator Husveth recommends approving the \$500 maximum cost-share allowance for this project. Mr. Abrahamson made a motion to approve the \$500 cost-share allowance. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Dan Fleming – Stillwater – The total cost for this project (on McKusick Lake) is \$1,980 to convert turf grass going toward the lake into native plantings to create a buffer. Administrator Husveth recommends approving the \$500 maximum cost-share allowance for this project. Mr. Abrahamson made a motion to approve the \$500 cost-share allowance. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regulations and Permitting - Whitepaper

The Water Consortium has compiled a spreadsheet that compares all of the Watershed Management Organizations to each other as far as rules, stormwater

requirements, etc. Their next goal is to try to make things more uniform, as far as project reviews, exemptions, etc. A motion was made by Mr. Abrahamson to direct staff to continue working on Option 1 toward developing a plan that is consistent with where communities around us are going, and also to continue meeting toward Option 2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fredkove. Motion carried.

2013 Low Impact Development Symposium – August 18-21, 2013 - <http://www.cce.umn.edu/2013> - International - Low – Impact – Development – Symposium/index.html. It will be held in St. Paul this year. Please forward the information to your City staff. Administrator Husveth submitted an abstract to give a presentation on some of the work done in MSCWMO.

Update on the New Office Space for WCD – The Washington Conservation District has signed an agreement on a new space in Oakdale, so our office will be moving some time this Spring. Administrator Husveth will take care of the paperwork necessary to change the address with BWSR. The Board will need to decide where to hold the meetings. Somewhere in Oak Park Heights or Bayport would be preferable to the Board. Administrator Husveth will also be checking with the Cities to try and find a space to work in a day or two per week that would be in the WMO.

Plan Reviews/Submittals

TH95 Maintenance between 5th Ave. and MnDOT Bridge #9391 over Union Pacific Railroad, Bayport, MN – Administrator Husveth received a submittal from Mn/DOT. They will be replacing curbs along a one mile stretch of Highway 95 between 5th Avenue in Bayport and the bridge over Union Pacific Railroad along 95. They will also be adding catch basins to address an ongoing maintenance issue. The plan was not reviewed for water quality and quantity since they are not adding any new impervious. They have met all the standards for erosion and sediment control, so Administrator Husveth recommends approval of the comment letter she provided, and allow Mn/DOT to move forward with the project. Ms. Reiter made a motion to approve the letter. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1454 Ramada Ave. – Lake St. Croix Beach – Administrator Husveth received a preliminary submittal from the City. Preliminary comments have been provided. Administrator Carolan will be attending the planning commission meeting for this project.

Administrators Report

A written report was provided.

Other Agenda Items

Randy Kopesky had some comments about the Water Consortium and Stakeholders meetings.

Adjourn

Mr. Zeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44PM, seconded by Mr. Fredkove. Motion carried.