

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Washington Conservation District  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Present: Les Abrahamson, Oak Park Heights; Ron Fredkove, Baytown Township; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Randy Nelson, Afton; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Dave Zanmiller, Lakeland Shores and Amy Husveth, 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 February 14, 2013 minutes was made by Mr. Abrahamson, seconded by Ms. Anderson. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance was \$220,779.13. The ending balance in the RBC savings account was \$84,032.07. The ending 4M balance is \$31,981.54. The only bill to be approved this month is for Kennedy & Graven in the amount of \$123.90.

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

**Public Comments**

None.

**Change of MSCWMO meeting location**

It was decided last month to change the official place of business to the new WCD office address in Oakdale. The decision still needs to be made regarding where to hold the monthly meetings within the MSCWMO area. It was decided to change the location to the Bayport Library for the remainder of 2013. Administrator Husveth will provide a resolution to that effect at next months meeting.

**St. Croix River Association (SCRA)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Progress Report – Administrator Husveth has completed the third progress report to the SCRA describing the projects in Stillwater and Bayport that were completed in 2012 as part of the grant received. An invoice has been submitted requesting reimbursement for roughly \$26,000. A motion to approve the progress report was made by Mr. Fredkove and seconded by Mr. Pohlana. Motion carried.

Grant Period Extension (Amendment to Contract) – There is an existing Grant Agreement with SCRA that was scheduled to end 3/31/13. There are still funds available. SCRA is willing to extend the Agreement through April. Mr. Zeller made a motion to approve extending the end date of the Agreement to 4/30/13. Mr. Fredkove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Perro Creek/Perro Pond Assessment Update**

The scoping meeting was completed this month. We are going to be completely an assessment of the drainage area. It mostly affects Oak Park Heights and Bayport. At the scoping meeting, some of the known issues were discussed. The first step is to evaluate the monitoring information that we have on Perro Creek. Meetings will be held with members of both communities, and then the field work to search for projects will take place.

### **Lily/McKusick Lake Aquatic Plant Management Meeting Update**

Wenck hosted the final meeting for residents on February 28<sup>th</sup>. MSCWMO was a partner in developing the study. Management plans for both lakes were presented at the final meeting. Administrator Husveth will forward on the plans if anyone on the Board is interested.

### **Low Impact Development Symposium Accepted Abstract**

The International Low Impact Development Symposium is going to be held in St. Paul on August 18-21. Administrator Husveth submitted an abstract regarding the projects that MSCWMO is doing. The abstract was accepted, so Administrator Husveth will be presenting if anyone would like to attend. A copy of the abstract was included in the packet.

### **Amendment to WCD Technical Services Agreement**

As part of our Watershed Plan update, we agreed to participate in the development of a countywide database for BMP projects. The enclosed Amendment finalizes that Agreement. Mr. Abrahamson made a motion to approve the Amendment and Ms. St. Ores seconded. Motion carried.

### **Stillwater Direct Drainage Assessments and Funding**

Also as part of our Watershed Plan update, we talked about completing an assessment in the older parts of Stillwater that drain directly to the St. Croix River. We did receive funding for that project from Metro Conservation District in the amount of \$10,000.

### **Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) Agreements**

Administrator Husveth has secured several days of labor from MCC for projects this year.

### **Creation of Taxing Districts**

There was an article in the Pioneer Press regarding the double taxation issue. The City of Stillwater and Baytown Township have now gone ahead and are creating their own taxing district. The funds will still go directly to those entities.

### **MSCWMO 2012 Year End Report**

Administrator Husveth has completed a draft year end report. She will distribute for comments before submitting it to BWSR.

**Plan Reviews/Submittals**

**62<sup>nd</sup> Street North & Campus Improvements, Stillwater** – Washington County Government Center is looking at improving a couple parking lots, adding a storm pond, adding sidewalk, and realigning the Frontage Road. All policy performance standards have been met. The only question was who would be responsible for the long-term maintenance. Administrator Husveth recommended that the comment letter be approved for submittal. Mr. Zeller made a motion to approve the comment letter. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Administrators Report**

A written report was provided.

**Other Agenda Items**

None

**Adjourn**

Mr. Fredkove moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32PM, seconded by Mr. Zeller. Motion carried.