

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
January 9, 2014

Present: Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; John Fellego, Baytown Township; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Randy Nelson, Afton; David Zanmiller, Lakeland Shores; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Chuck Dougherty, Oak Park Heights; Mike Isensee, Administrator; Del Petersen, Lily Lake Association; Mike Lyner, Lily Lake Association; and Brad Reifstck, Stan Tec Engineering.

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 December 12, 2013 minutes was made by Mr. Kylo, seconded by Ms. Reiter. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance is \$205,124.29. The checking balance includes the balance of \$31,984.29 from the recently closed 3M account. These funds will be invested into short term CDs in January. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$84,037.70. Bills to be approved this month are: \$456.00 Wenck Associates, \$1,375.00 Washington Conservation District Educator, \$2,224.50 Washington Conservation District Administration, \$1,953.50 Washington Conservation District Technical Services, \$4,300.25 Washington Conservation District Water Monitoring.

Administrator Isensee presented a budget summary for total expenditures for 2013. Chair Zellar requested a new 2014 budget line item for grant writing. Ms. St Ores requested advanced notification of large administrative expenditures. Mr. Fellego requested development review process and fees added to new business in February.

Mr. Polehna, seconded by Ms. St. Ores, moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Water Quality Monitoring

Administrator Isensee presented a review of the water quality monitoring program expenses, information gained and monitoring strategy changes for identifying the influence of Brick Pond to Lily Lake and Perro Pond to Perro Creek. A brief history of land use, drainage modifications, monitoring and studies was also presented and discussed for both Perro and Lily Lake. Mr. Polehna, second Mr. Kylo Motion to purchase used flow monitoring equipment from the WCD from the water quality

monitoring equipment fund and re-allocate water quality monitoring funding for 2014 from Perro Pond, Perro Creek, Lily Lake and Brick Pond to monitor flow at all the outlets into Lily Lake. Motion carried.

MSCWMO Accounts Update

Mr. Isensee informed the board that he is in process of consolidating funds at First State Bank in short-term CDs at the direction of the board. Further updates will be provided at the December board meeting.

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 on the water quality of Perro Creek. The board requested recommendations for the reallocation of water monitoring resources to better deduce pollutant sources contributing to Lily Lake and Perro Creek.

St. Croix Crossing Stormwater Information Submittal

Administrator Isensee provided a summary of findings from the January 6, 2014 Minnesota Department of Transportation information submission related to total the total infiltration volume proposed for the St. Croix Crossing Project. The board requested a factual summary of MSCWMO reviews and requests be compiled and sent to MnDOT and other regulatory stakeholders. The board recommended coordinating with the City of Oak Park Heights and MnDOT to meet the minimum volume control requirements or document the need for a variance from the infiltration standards.

RBC Wealth Management

Administrator Isensee reviewed the final RBC Wealth Management Blue Water Project letter of intent submitted for stormwater education, residential conservation practices and municipal green infrastructure practices. The board of managers was informed that the selection for full applications for funding would be made in mid-January.

MSCWMO Blue Thumb Program

The MSCWMO BMP Cost Share Program will provide \$250 plant grants for MSCWMO qualifying projects designed as part of the Blue Thumb program. Motion by Mr. Polehna, seconded by Mr. Kylo, moved to shift \$5,000 from MSCWMO Costh Share Funds to Blue Thumb Grants. The motion carried.

Perro Creek Subwatershed Analysis Draft Final Report

Administrator Isensee provided an overview of the Draft Perro Creek Subwatershed Analysis that provides guidance for prioritizing retrofit projects to reduce stormwater pollutants and funding becomes available. Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. St. Ores to approve the final report. The motion carried.

2014 Watershed Management Plan Update

The board reviewed the extended timeline for the 2014 MWCWMO. Final plan approval targeted for July, 2015. Motion by Mr. Polehna, seconded by Ms. Anderson to approve the new timeline. The motion carried.

City of Oak Park Heights 2014/15 Street Reconstruction Plan Review

The City of Oak Park Heights is planning a multiphase reconstruction of city streets. All policy performance standards were not met. Ms. Anderson made a motion to approve the review findings. Mr. Fellegly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

A written report was provided.

Other Agenda Items

None

Adjourn

Mr. Dougherty moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Reiter. Motion carried