

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District
April 10, 2014

Present: Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Randy Nelson, Afton; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Brian Zellar, Lakeland; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Chuck Dougherty, Oak Park Heights; Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District; 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 February 14, 2014 and March 13, 2014 minutes was made by Mr. Polehna, seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance is \$135,692.40. First State Bank CDs \$31,984.29. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$111,620.48. Bills to be approved this month are: \$2,382.00 Washington Conservation District Administration, \$2,972.50 Washington Conservation District Technical Services.

Mr. Polehna inquired about the absence of interest payments for the First State Bank CDs. Administrator Isensee explained that interest is paid quarterly.

Administrator Isensee provided a summary of the current savings balance of the RBC Savings Account is \$111,6120.48. 2014 Watershed Management Plan Update (allocated in 2012) \$48,014.50; Remaining Watershed Management Plan Update Funds \$26,025.98; Water Quality Monitoring Equipment \$27,000.00; Targeted Water Quality Monitoring for 2015 \$10,579.00.

Administrator Isensee provided a written quarterly summary of expenditures for 2014. He reported half of the plan review budget had been expended in the first quarter and he anticipated plan review expenditures would be greater than the \$4,000 budgeted. All other expenditures were as expected for the first quarter.

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

Public Comments

None.

Stillwater Direct Subwatershed Assessment

In October 2012 the board approved the work plan for the 2014 Watershed Management Plan Update. The approved work plan included the Stillwater Direct Drainage

subwatershed analysis and Perro Creek subwatershed analysis. These analyses summarize pollutant loading rates, identify the location for potential best management practices, and prioritize best management practices based on cost and pollutant reduction. The resulting prioritized practices are the foundation for project planning and grant applications.

The Perro Creek Subwatershed Analysis was completed in December 2013. The Washington Conservation District is currently working to complete the Stillwater Direct Discharge analysis that includes all areas directly discharging to the St. Croix River. Administrator Isensee requests the board consider expanding the Direct Drainage Subwatershed Analysis to include land areas in Oakdale and Bayport that directly discharge to the St. Croix River. The cost to expand the analysis area would be \$6,500.

Ms. St. Ores inquired if the MSCWMO has funding for the expense. Administrator Isensee identified the current plan update fund has \$26,025.98 currently unencumbered. The board discussed the benefits of expanding the coverage of the Stillwater Direct Subwatershed Analysis to include areas of Oak Park Heights and Bayport that are directly discharging to the St. Croix River.

Motion by Mr. Polehna, seconded by Ms. Rieter, to approve \$6,500 to expand the Stillwater Direct Discharge Subwatershed Analysis to encompass areas in Oakdale and Northern Bayport directly discharging to the St. Croix River.

North and East Metro Pilot Groundwater Management Area Discussion

Mr. Riggs summarized the history and current process of the North and East Metro Pilot Groundwater Management Area effort being lead by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Zellar requested information regarding the progress plan development process be sent to all MSCWMO board members.

One Water One Plan

Mr. Riggs summarized the history and current status of the One Water One Plan initiative. Ms. St. Ores requested more information be provided to the board to consider a letter of support for the One Water One Plan pilot program application.

2013 MSCWMO Annual Report

The 2013 MSCWMO Annual Report was submitted for board review. The annual report will be posted on the MSCWMO website and sent to the Board of Water and Soil Resources by April 30, 2014.

Motion by Ms. St. Ores, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to accept the 2013 MSCWMO Annual Report.

NEMO on the River St. Croix Workshop

The planning team for the St. Croix NEMO on the River Program inquired if the MSCWMO can contribute \$500 to help keep the registration at \$20 per person for the event.

The event brings together for local elected and appointed officials in Minnesota and Wisconsin to share successful efforts and discuss challenges of maintaining and restoring the quality of the Lower St. Croix River.

Motion by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Rieter, to sponsor the St. Croix NEMO on the River Program for 2014 for \$500.00 in exchange for upto 5 passes for MSCWMO board Members.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ Raingarden Cost Share Application

This project is on New Orleans Street in Stillwater and drains to the St. Croix River. The 350 ft² curb cut raingarden will capture 0.23 pounds of phosphorus per year, and 30 pounds per year of suspended solids. The total cost is \$6,000.00 and the landowner is requesting \$1,000 cost-share, which would equal 16% of the total estimated project cost. The project scored a 52. Administrator Isensee recommends approving 50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the project at 50% cost-share not to exceed \$600.00. Motion carried.

Administrators Report

A written report was provided.

Adjourn

Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Polehna. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.