

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Bayport Public Library  
June 12, 2014

Present: Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Mike Polehna, Stillwater; Brian Zellar, Lakeland; Nancy Anderson, St. Marys Point; John Fellego, Baytown Township; Jay Riggs, Temporary Administrator;

**Call to Order – Regular Board Meeting**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

May 8 minutes were not available. Minutes will be submitted at the July 10 board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance is \$58,444.47. 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: \$170.00 Carmen Simonet Design; \$633.75 Keystone Waters, LLC; \$500.00 St. Croix River Association.

The board requested a budget update be sent for review prior to the July 10, 2014 meeting.

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

**Public Comments**

None.

**MAWD Summer Tour Invites**

The MSCWMO is one of the host organizations for the 2014 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Summer Tour. The tour will be June 18 to the 20th in Stillwater and registration is \$160 for the entire event, or \$35 for just the boat tour scheduled for Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The MAWD has encouraged partnering organizations to invite county and state representatives to attend. MAWD will bill the MSCWMO up to \$75 to cover actual food expenses per invitee that attends.

Recommended invitees: Fran Miron, Gary Kriesel, Kathy Lohmer and Karin Housely. Attached is the invitation for review.

Mr. Zellar expressed concern regarding the St. Croix River Associations (SCRA) role in proposing an anti-local zoning agenda. Mr. Polehna would like to discuss this further at the

next meeting and consider an invitation be extended to SCRA to attend a MSCWMO tour and board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Zellar, seconded by Mr. Polehna, to invite up to 4 elected officials to the 2014 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts 2014 Summer Tour in Stillwater.

#### **MnDOT St. Croix Crossings Update**

The board reviewed an update of the meeting with MnDOT to discuss mitigation opportunities for the sediment releases to Lily Lake and Perro Pond on April 18 and May 5, 2014. As a result of the meeting, MnDOT agreed to accelerate the pond cleanout schedule for Oasis Pond improving its performance for removing sediment and Phosphorous.

The board also reviewed a written memo updating the modifications to Cadet Infiltration Basin. The changes are in conformance with the assurances provided by MnDOT on March 3, 2014. This is an informational update. No motion required.

#### **Watershed Management Plan Update Draft Goals Review**

The 10 year Watershed Management Plan is currently being written based on over 130 comments from stakeholders. This is an opportunity for the board to review and consider the updated goals prior to the stakeholders meeting scheduled for September, 2014. Unfortunately, Administrator Isensee could not be at the meeting this month to present the draft goals and recommends the board postpones this topic until the July 10, 2014 board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Zellar, seconded by Mr. Polehna to postpone the review of Watershed Management Plan Draft Goals until next month.

#### **2014 Blue Thumb Plant Grant Consent Agenda**

In March and April the MSCWMO hosted two Blue Thumb raingarden design workshop series. After attending the workshops and designing their conservation projects, twelve landowners are applied, and were approved for \$250 plant grants in May. Three additional landowners applied for the final round of \$250 Blue Thumb grants in June. The total estimated cost of the projects is \$2,244 to construct 570 square feet of raingardens. MSCWMO staff recommended approval of all three June Blue Thumb grant applications.

Motion by Mr. Fellegly, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve three Blue Thumb Plant Grant Applications totaling \$750.00.

#### **Bergstrom Addition Project Review**

The Bergstrom Addition is a single family residential review application that was submitted to the MSCWMO on May 20, 2014. The application review was completed on

June 2nd and comments submitted to the City of Bayport on June 3rd, 2014. In accordance with review policy, the review comments are submitted as an information item only.

### **Miller Excavating Shop Site, Baytown Township Review**

Miller Excavating is proposing a new shop site on an 8.26 acre parcel located at 3641 Stagecoach Trail in Baytown Township. The project will disturb approximately 6.0 acres, adding 2.77 acres of impervious area to the existing property. The project is within 1 mile of and ultimately discharges to the St. Croix River.

MSCWMO technical staff has reviewed the project and are recommend approval of the application, with four conditions and two comments.

Motion by Mr. Kyлло, seconded by Mr. Polehna, to approve the application

### **Perro Park Improvements, Bayport Review**

The City of Bayport is proposing to upgrade facilities in Perro Park to enhance recreation services for Bayport residents.

The project results in an overall reduction of impervious surface but reconstructs 3,371 square feet of impervious surface. The required volume retention of 107 cubic feet is exceeded through the construction of a dry well.

MWCWMO technical staff recommends approval of the application with three conditions.

Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Felleggy, to approve the application.

### **Adjourn**

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