

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Bayport Public Library
August 14, 2014

Present: Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Nancy Anderson, St. Marys Point; John Fellegly, Baytown Township; Randy Nelson, Afton; Brian Zeller, Lakeland; Chuck Dougherty, Oak Park Heights; 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 May 8, 2014 and June 12, 2014 and July 10, 2014 minutes was made by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Ms. Anderson. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance is \$125,682.27. First State Bank CDs \$31,984.29. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$111,624.22. Bills to be approved this month are: \$552.50 Keystone Waters, LLC; \$2,350.50 Washington Conservation District (Admin-July); \$3,954.75 Washington Conservation District (Technical Services-July).

The board reviewed the monthly budget update and the savings account summary.

Mrs. St. Ores moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the treasurer's report and bills. The motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Minimal Impact Design Standards with Anne Gelbmann, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

In December 2013, the MSCWMO was awarded a Clean Water Fund Accelerated Implementation Grant to provide assistance to St. Croix Communities to implement MIDS.

Mrs. Gelbmann presented an overview of the development process, performance standard, credit calculator and benefits of adopting MIDS stormwater standards into local ordinance. The board discussed questions that needed to be clarified and strategies for best working with communities. Requested Administrator Isensee work with each board member to coordinate the work with each community.

No motion required for this discussion item.

Lily Phase II and McKusick Phase I Contract for Services

The board was requested to approve a contract for services with All Weather Services is for the installation of 11 raingarden basins on 11 properties not to exceed \$71,420.60. The practices will capture, infiltrate and filtrate runoff from approximately 9.4 acres of residential lawns, streets and driveways. Modeling indicates the raingardens will reduce phosphorous by 14lbs/year. The Washington Conservation District will be coordinating the Minnesota Conservation Corp for the installation of plants for all 11 raingardens.

Motion by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Fellegy, to approve the contract not to exceed \$71,420.60 for the installation of 11 raingardens in the Lake McKusick and Lily Lake watersheds.

MSCWMO 2015 Draft Budget

The MSCWMO discussed the proposed increase of 3.68% in the Draft Budget to help cover the expanding role of the MSCWMO in grant writing. In 2013 the MSCWMO incurred \$7,800 in expenses writing grants that secured member communities \$258,000.00 in project implementation funding. The board discussed options for increasing the administrative budget without increasing the total annual budget of the MSCWMO.

Motion by Mrs. St. Ores, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to decrease savings for the Watershed Management Plan Update from \$7,500 to \$6,000 and increase Administration from \$27,000 to \$28,5000 for a total 2015 budget of \$109,000.

Board Manager Appointments Discussion

Chair Zeller has purchased a property and plans to move residence within the boundaries of the MSCWMO; from the City of Lakeland to the City of Lakeland Shores. The City of Lakeland has requested Mr. Zeller remain their representative. Based on a review of applicable requirements and policies, board managers are not required to reside in the community they represent. The board discussed their preference of board members being residence of the community they represent and the potential addition of this policy as part of the 2015 MSCWMO plan update.

No motion required

2014/2015 Potential Grant Applications Discussion

The board reviewed and discussed six potential grant applications to fund design, installation, maintenance and repair of water quality improvement projects within the boundaries of the MSCWMO. The board recommended the lowest priority was the application to implement the Perro Creek Subwatershed Analysis.

Watershed Management Plan Update Draft Standards Discussion

The Draft Goals, Strategies and Policies for the ten year watershed management plan update were reviewed. The board discussed the new goals, strategies and policies based on over 130 comments received from stakeholders.

Adjourn

Mr. Fellegy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Zeller. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.