

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization

Bayport Public Library

Minutes October 8, 2015

Present: Brian Zeller, Lakeland Shores; Nancy Anderson, St. Mary's Point; John Fellegly, Baytown Township; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Twp; Cindie Reiter, Lake St. Croix Beach; Susan St. Ores, Bayport; Mike Isensee, Administrator; Katherine McLellan, GreenCorps member at WCD and MSCWMO.

Call to Order – Regular Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 10, 2015 minutes was made by Mr. Fellegly, seconded by Ms. Anderson. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- a. Report of savings account, assets for October 8, 2015
- b. Approve payment of bills for October 8, 2015

The treasurer's report was presented. The remaining checking account balance is \$198,878.86. First State Bank CDs are valued at \$32,094.13. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$43,553.46. Bills to be approved this month are: \$3,473.44 Anoka Conservation District; 511.76 Budget Sign & Graphics; \$185.85 Kennedy & Graven; \$178.75 Keystone Waters; \$1,375.00 Washington Conservation District (Educator); \$1,418.00 Washington Conservation District (Administration); \$4,485.00 Washington Conservation District (Tech Services); \$7,482.10 Washington Conservation District (Water Monitoring).

Mr. Fellegly asked why the St. Mary's Point and Afton contributions to the MSCWMO are lower than those of other communities. Mr. Zeller pointed out that only part of Afton is in the MSCWMO, so it pays a proportionally lower amount to the MSCWMO. Mr. Fellegly inquired about the Anoka Conservation District bill's label of "reprint," and Administrator Isensee explained that the first check written was not received by the Anoka Conservation District, and that a stop payment had been put on that check before it had been deposited. A new check had then been issued.

Ms. Reiter moved, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills presented. The motion carried.

Public Comment: none

5. Old Business

a. Lily Lake Phase II Clean Water Fund Draft Final Report

Administrator Isensee reviewed the Lily Lake Phase II Clean Water Fund project, which project resulted in the design and installation of four curb cut bioretention cells located on Hemlock, Pine, Lake and Willard Streets in Stillwater. Administrator Isensee explained that the grant for these projects had been extended in 2014 due to a conflicts with utilities and a pedestrian traffic study by Washington County. MSCWMO technical staff was working on one additional raingarden that was

designed, had maintenance agreements signed, but the homeowners at the project site unexpectedly sold the home and the project could not be completed. Administrator Isensee recommended returning the remaining grant balance of \$5,710.31 to BWSR and not asking for another extension on the project. Administrator Isensee noted that the project is close to meeting the pollutant reduction goal in its current state. Mr. Zeller pointed out that it is too late in the season to work on construction of additional practices.

Motion by Mr. Zeller, seconded by Ms. Reiter, to approve the 2012 Lily Lake Phase II Clean Water Fund Projects.

b. Lake McKusick Phase II Clean Water Fund Draft Final Report

Administrator Isensee introduced the 2012 Lake McKusick Phase II Clean Water Fund projects, which resulted in the design and installation of four curb cut bioretention cells located on Lecuyer Drive, Eagle Ridge Lane and Green Twig Way in Stillwater. The project treats 4.1 acres of residential runoff that had been directly discharging into Lake McKusick, and is modeled to reduce the phosphorous load delivered to the lake by 6.0 lbs. The project was extended in 2014 due to conflicts with utilities and coordination with Xcel Energy.

Mr. Zeller raised the issue of minimizing the ratio of money spent per pound of phosphorus reduced. He expressed concerns that one storm event could wash so much phosphorous-rich material into the river as to undo the effects of the raingardens and urban infiltration practices. He expressed concern that we are not having the largest impact on phosphorous reduction possible. Administrator Isensee explained that the urban runoff practices that the MSCWMO promotes are put in place to deal with the chronic load of phosphorous that is transported in every rain event. He acknowledged that acute loads, such as those caused by a single large storm event, do occur, but that chronic load projects like raingardens will dependably function with every rain event. He also mentioned that although agricultural contributions to the pollutant load are large, the urban contribution is still significant, at 15% to 20%. Mr. Zeller then brought up the issue of yard waste, expressed concerns that people are not disposing of their yard waste properly, and wondered whether the county should have a yard waste collection program. A discussion about the need for education regarding yard waste disposal then ensued. The issue of what type of program or service would be best for yard waste disposal was also addressed; would it be a city or county initiative, or would homeowners pay for a private service? There was agreement that the service would have to be easy for homeowners. Mr. Fellego brought up the point that a yard waste program could be very hard in areas with large rural lots, like Baytown Township. Administrator Isensee pointed out that it would be wisest to target homeowners who live along storm sewers and waterways for this type of program.

Motion by Ms. Reiter, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the 2012 Lake McKusick Phase II Clean Water Fund Projects.

6. New Business

a. Introduction- Katherine McLellan, GreenCorps Member

Administrator Isensee introduced Katherine McLellan, who is the Minnesota GreenCorps member hosted by the Washington Conservation District in partnership with the MSCWMO. Katherine will be working closely with Administrator Isensee to assist MSCWMO Member Communities with the adoption of MIDS and integration of new performance standards into local controls.

b. 2016 MSCWMO Meeting Dates

Administrator Isensee presented the proposed meeting dates for the MSCWMO 2016 meetings. He explained that he has a conflict with the normal meeting on the second Thursday of the month in January and would therefore like to shift the January meeting to the first Thursday of the month. Ms. St. Ores said that she would prefer if all of the meetings were the first Thursday of the month instead of the second Thursday of the month due to her work schedule. She said she may not stay on the board in 2016 because of scheduling conflicts with work, but she could stay on if the meetings were the first Thursday of the month. Mr. Zeller added that he would prefer if the meetings were at 6pm instead of 7pm. It was agreed that the whole group would be surveyed as to their time and date preferences for meetings and the topic would be revisited at the next meeting. The August and March meetings were to be labelled "if needed."

c. Miller Farms Phase IV and V Inspections Reimbursement Request

Administrator Isensee outlined the issues with the Miller Farms project, which include erosion and sediment control problems that started in August. After a series of inspections, the problems were still not fixed, wetland impacts were imminent, and a storm created additional erosion and sediment control problems. Administrator Isensee explained that an inspector from the MPCA has gotten involved and that since the Wetland Conservation Act was violated, the project will be handled by others in the future. The issue of how the 18 hours that Administrator Isensee spent on the inspections (at a total cost of \$1,170.00) would be paid for was posed. Administrator Isensee explained that the protocol was for the MSCWMO to pass the cost on to Baytown Township, per the Joint Powers Agreement. The Township can then pass the cost on to the developer.

Motion by Mr. Zeller, seconded by Ms. St. Ores, to approve invoicing Baytown Township for technical inspections for Miller Farms Phase IV and V.

d. East Metro Water Resources Education Program 2016-2018 Contract

Administrator Isensee introduced the 2016-2018 contract with the East Metro Water Resources Education Program (EMWREP). The budget item is already approved, but the contract outlines their work plan and will cost the MSCWMO \$6,000. EMWREP's work includes weekly articles in the Stillwater Gazette, Non-Point Source Education on the Water for Local Elected Officials, technical workshops for City staff, Blue Thumb workshops for residents seeking assistance with design and installation of raingardens and native shoreline restorations, targeted outreach for residential raingarden programs, presentations for civic groups and much more. Mr. Zeller expressed concern over spending \$6,000 on this contract and asked for more information, and Administrator Isensee explained that additional work that EMWREP does includes raingarden maintenance workshops and consultations for homeowners, clean water fund education, coordination of NEMO boat tour, design and ordering of raingarden signs, and other items. Ms. St. Ores and Mr. Zeller expressed approval of these activities and of the contract.

Motion by Board Member 1, seconded by Board Member 2, to approve the 2016-2018 East Metro Water Resources Education Program contract.

7. Plan Reviews/Submittals

a. Ellingson Residential Review- Bayport

Administrator Isensee presented information on the permit review for the Ellingson residence at 515 Lakeside Drive S. in Bayport. He explained that the project will require a full review by the MSCWMO, and that additional plans for erosion control and a buffer would need to be submitted before the permit could be issued. The issue of the dredging along the river and the rip rap that had been installed was briefly mentioned.

8. Administrator's Report -*attached*

A written report was submitted.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Fellegy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. St. Ores. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.