

Regular Meeting of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Bayport Public Library, Bayport, MN
Thursday, October 11, 2018
6:00PM

Present: Brian Zeller, Lakeland Shores; Mike Runk, Oak Park Heights; Nancy Karras-Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Tom McCarthy, Lake St. Croix Beach; John Felleggy, Baytown Township; Lakeland; Doug Menikheim, Stillwater; Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township; Joe Paiement, City of Lakeland; Cameron Blake, WCD; Administrator Mike Isensee.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Brian Zeller.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 13th, 2018 minutes was made by John Felleggy, seconded by Nancy Karras-Anderson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report of savings account, assets for October 11, 2018
Approve payment of bills for October 11, 2018

The treasurer's report was presented by Dan Kylo. The remaining checking account balance is \$58,418.47. First State Bank CDs are valued at \$32,094.13. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$48,907.30.

Bills to be approved this month are: Minuteman Press: \$168.86; Washington Conservation District (Administration): \$3,182.50; Washington Conservation District (Technical Services): \$2,630.85; Washington Conservation District (Water Monitoring): \$5,076.59; Washington Conservation District (Educator): \$1,500.00; Total: \$12,556.80.

Brian Zeller moved to accept the Treasurer's report and bills, Tom McCarthy seconded, and the motion carried.

Mike Isensee presented the budget tracker, , \$106,000 has been spent so far, and there has been \$265,000 for grant expenditures this year. The MSCWMO is over for budget reviews by \$2,000. Mike Isensee will send a letter and invoice for the Orchards at Cahanes development for \$1,000. Brian Zeller asked what the total cost for the review for Orchards had been so far. Mike Isensee said the review fee was \$3,000.00 and the MSCWMO staff review expenses to date are \$4,224.00. John Felleggy asked if the review fees the MSCWMO were charging are close to the county/state amount. Mike Isensee said they are less.

No public comment

Washington County Budget Presentation Materials

On Tuesday morning, October 23rd, the Washington County Board of Commissioners will hold the Annual County Watersheds and Conservation District Budget presentations during the regularly scheduled county board meeting. Each WMO will share an example project. Mike Isensee will share the Stillwater Jr High IESF project which cost \$123,000, reducing 15 lbs/yr of P to the St. Croix. Brian Zeller asked about budget comparisons and Mike Isensee said the MSCWMO costs for internal services is 27% which only looks large because of the small budget of \$133,000 with \$200,000 of grants. Brian Zeller wants Mike Isensee to mention that at the meeting but believes the county won't be critical given the comparison to the other WMO/WD's budgets.

East Metro Water Resource Education Program 2019-2021 Agreement

The types of programs EMWREP provides to meet the MSCWMO's educational requirements include: the Adopt-A-Raingarden program, Workshop on the Water, AIS and Buckthorn workshops, and lake health for Lake Associations. This 3 year agreement is for \$6,300 a year.

Brian Zeller moved to accept the 2019-2021 EMWREP Agreement for \$6,300 a year, and Mike Runk seconded. The motion carried.

Washington Conservation District 2019-2020 Agreement

Mike Isensee presented the 2019-2020 agreement with the Washington Conservation District for Administrative, Technical, and Water Monitoring services. The rates and components are the same and the total cost is \$97,593. Brian Zeller asked about the duration of water monitoring. Mike Isensee explained that there was a targeted monitoring effort for 2 years for Lily Lake, but that generally the monitoring was condition monitoring which occurs annually.

Mike Runk moved to accept the Washington Conservation District 2019-2020 Agreement for \$97,593, and John Fellegly seconded. The motion carried.

Country Club Project

Mike Isensee presented an overview of the Country Club project which would use a combination of grant funding and County funding received in lieu of treatment from the 2018 3rd Street reconstruction project. The total budget for design, legal, and installation is \$228,000 with a \$25,000 maintenance fund. The load reduction is predicted by modeling to be at least 25 lbs. of phosphorus per year. Although it appears this is an expensive project, it is cost effective with the amount of load reduction, and the opportunity for other projects in the area is low. As part of the legal agreement negotiations process the Country Club has requested four additional items: : 1. no expiration date on the stormwater credit (currently the agreement stipulates 25 years), 2.add a clause that states the BMP will not be considered a wetland in the future.3., a delineation of the OHW level of the BMP, and 4requesting assistance to clean out accumulated sediment in wetlandslocated on the property and within the MSCWMO boundaries. . Administrator Isensee was supportive of three requests, but due to the budget and timeframe, recommended not expanding the scope of the project to include wetland work at this time. Brian Zeller asked about the benefits to the Country Club of the existing agreement. Mike Isensee said that in exchange for giving up a parcel of land for the project, theclub will save a significant amount of money when it comes time for future redevelopment of their club house and parking lot. Brian Zeller proposed expanding the scope and

cost of the project to clean out the wetland should not be part of the agreement. Isensee will be presenting at the club October members meeting. 50% of the Country Club members will need to vote in favor of the project for it to move forward.

Quinn Native Bluff Stabilization Application, Lakeland

Pamela Quinn is requesting a \$500 water quality improvement grant to install a native shoreline stabilization project at their residence 641 Quixote Avenue, Lakeland. The native slope stabilization replaces invasive species and establishes deep rooted perennial vegetation to reduce soil loss on the native bluff slope on Lake St. Croix and will reduce annual phosphorus discharge by 0.21 pounds per year. Mike Isensee explained to the MSCWMO helps landowners design native restorations and purchase native plants because it results in phosphorus reductions to the St. Croix. Joe Paiement asked what invasive were removed, and Mike Isensee explained buckthorn prevents beneficial native plants from growing under its canopy and leaves the soil bare and prone to erosion. After the removal of buckthorn, the WMO promotes the restoration of native plants to promote sustainable stabilization of the bluffland areas.

Mike Runk motioned to approve the Quinn Water Quality Grant for cost share up to \$500, and Tom McCarthy seconded. This motion carried.

Beanies Marina- Lakeland

Mike Isensee updated the board on the Beanie's Marina project. He visited the marina with Jim Stanton to address the owner's transition from pervious area to impervious. The owner was not aware that this activity would trigger the MSCWMO standards and planned to remove the plastic and rock landscaping they put in. The other part of the project was to transition the class 5 gravel to concrete, without changing any grades, which would not trigger the rules so Mike Isensee approved that element of the project. The owner also added riprap higher than the parking lot but the DNR and Army Corps were ok with that.

Administrator's Report

Mike Isensee reported that the 1W1P meetings were moving along, and that he advocated to keep SSTs as a priority issue as it is a relevant issue for the MSCWMO. He explained that Chisago County required pumping, testing, and replacement of noncompliant systems so they have a good handle on the SSTs in their county. Doug Menikheim stated that he needed a replacement for the 1W1P meetings because he was not being re-appointed and was leaving the process of retiring from his political life. Mike Isensee reminded the board that it was also Nancy Karras-Anderson's last meeting and that Anne Perkins is still on the board but has a new job that involves a lot of travel.

Adjourn

Brian Zeller adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.