

Regular Meeting of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization  
Bayport Public Library, Bayport, MN  
Thursday, November 8, 2018  
6:00PM

Present: Brian Zeller, Lakeland Shores; Mike Runk, Oak Park Heights; Tom McCarthy, Lake St. Croix Beach; John Felleggy, Baytown Township; Lakeland; Doug Menikheim, Stillwater; Joe Paiement, City of Lakeland; Cameron Blake, WCD; Administrator Mike Isensee; Maureen Hoffman, Washington County

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes was made by Mike Runk and seconded by Joe Paiement. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Report of savings account, assets for November 8, 2018

Approve payment of bills for November 8, 2018

The treasurer's report was presented by Mike Isensee. The remaining checking account balance is \$45,711.99. First State Bank CDs are valued at \$32,094.13. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$48,959.42.

Bills to be approved this month are: Carmen Simonet Design: \$127.50; Washington Conservation District (Administration): \$3,743.50; Washington Conservation District (Technical Services): \$3,009.99; Total: \$6,880.99.

John Felleggy and Mike Runk asked for clarification that the Lakeland's 2018 Contribution Amount Remaining was from a back payment.

Mike Isensee presented the budget tracker with Admin and Technical Services as on track at 83% and 90% with two months to go in 2018.

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

**One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee Update**

Doug Menikheim presented his takeaways from the 1W1P process he has attended as he is leaving the board and process. Doug Menikheim was concerned with the process for several reasons. He questioned the purpose of the process and what problem it was trying to solve, expressed confusion over who is leading the process, stated he believed it was leading to the creation of a governance structure similar to Met Council, and questioned the value of the MSCWMO's participation. Mike Isensee was invited to respond to the concerns by Brian Zeller. Mike Isensee stated that the process

was required by BWSR with the main goal of a plan that will provide easier access to funding for water quality projects. The process is being run by all the LGU participants, with a consulting group facilitating the meetings and compiling the information and decisions made by the LGU's. Brian Zeller asked for clarification on the potential benefit for the MSCWMO, what obligations it required from the MSCWMO, and if there would be additional regulations after the process. Mike Isensee explained that there would be no additional regulatory power created by the process as part of the Joint Power Agreement that was signed, and that it would provide money for Clean Water Projects to a rough estimate of \$30-70,000/yr. The main goal of the process was to create a mechanism to fund LGU's prioritized, targeted, and measurable water quality improvement projects. Brian Zeller asked clarifying questions regarding BWSR as an entity and its board. Mike Isensee explained BWSR's main purpose was to oversee water management by special purpose LGUs and guide the distribution of funding from the state to LGU's. Brian Zeller requested a BWSR presentation and introduction to the area representative and a staff member with the purpose of discussing the MSCWMO's options regarding the 1W1P process at this point in time. Mike Isensee will request Dan Fabian and Jack Ditmore to present about BWSR and 1W1P at the next board meeting. Brian Zeller or Mike Isensee will reach out to Fran Miron for his opinion about the process as he is the chair of the policy committee. Brian Zeller will also reach out to Gary Kriesel to let him know about the situation. Doug Menikheim will be present at the next meeting for this presentation.

#### **Public Comment**

Maureen Hoffman introduced herself as new staff at Washington County to improve county communications with watershed governance.

#### **Lily Lake Final 45 Project Update**

Mike Isensee reported the process is continuing.

#### **Stillwater Country Club Water Quality Basin Update**

Mike Isensee reported that the membership unanimously approved the project. There is a design adjustment in the works regarding the pipe leading to the basin, but the project is moving forward. Brian Zeller asked Mike Isensee why he thought the passing was unanimous, and Mike Isensee stated the time he spent with the Board and the support they gave to the project before the meeting was helpful. John Fellegly clarified that the pond cleaning was outside the scope of the agreement. Mike Isensee also stated that the three members of the board were also in the Lily Lake Association and he believes the history of that association with the MSCWMO was also helpful in their support of the project.

#### **Resolution 18-02 Oak Park Heights Local Surface Water Management Plan**

Mike Isensee recommended conditional approval of the Oak Park Heights LSCWMP with re-submittal of the revised draft plan for MSCWMO staff review. Brian Zeller asked about the process of the LSWMP, the expense, and if the timeline of 10 years would change someday for small communities with little developmental change. Mike Isensee stated the LSWMP process is a statutory requirement of the Met Council but the scope and process could change. There is currently discussion that Met Council may hold a stakeholder input process to improve the function of these plans. If this occurs, Mike Isensee stated he would participate in the process.

Resolution 18 02 Oak Park Heights LSWMP

Manager Paiement moved, seconded by Manager McCarthy to adopt Resolution 18-02 with conditions to be reviewed and approved by MSCWMO staff.

Manager Felleggy: Yea

Manager McCarthy: Yea

Manager Paiement: Yea

Manager Runk: Yea

Manager Zeller: Yea

Motion carried, vote 5/0

### **Lake St. Croix Beach Local Surface Water Management Plan**

Resolution 18 03 Lake St. Croix Beach LSWMP

Manager Zeller moved, seconded by Manager Runk to adopt Resolution 18-03 with conditions to be reviewed and approved by MSCWMO staff.

Manager Felleggy: Yea

Manager McCarthy: Yea

Manager Paiement: Yea

Manager Runk: Yea

Manager Zeller: Yea

Motion carried, vote 5/0

### **West Lakeland Local Surface Water Management Plan**

Resolution 18 04 West Lakeland Township LSWMP

Manager Zeller moved, seconded by Manager Paiement to adopt Resolution 18-04 with conditions to be reviewed and approved by MSCWMO staff.

Manager Felleggy: Yea

Manager McCarthy: Yea

Manager Paiement: Yea

Manager Runk: Yea

Manager Zeller: Yea

Motion carried, vote 5/0

John Felleggy asked about the status of the Baytown Township LSWMP and Mike Isensee clarified they were ahead of schedule.

## **Bayport Local Surface Water Management Plan**

Resolution 18 05 Bayport LSWMP

Manager Zeller moved, seconded by Manager McCarthy to adopt Resolution 18-05 with conditions to be reviewed and approved by MSCWMO staff.

Manager Felleggy: Yea

Manager McCarthy: Yea

Manager Paiement: Yea

Manager Runk: Yea

Manager Zeller: Yea

Motion carried, vote 5/0

## **Villas of Inspiration- Bayport**

Joe Paiement, John Felleggy, and Brian Zeller discussed the area and the developer's decision of single family lots despite the area being slated for high-density multi-family development. The Miller pit was discussed with Brian Zeller stating he was glad the trucks have a dedicated exit/entrance. Mike Isensee recommends approval with 15 conditions for the Villas of Inspiration development. Brian Zeller moved to conditionally approve the project, Mike Runk seconded, and the motion carried.

## **Administrator's Report**

Mike Isensee reported that he reviewed the LSWMP's, participated in the 1W1P meetings, and is working on two major projects with reporting season coming up in December. Brian Zeller would like to recognize Nancy Karras-Anderson's service for 15 years.

## **Adjourn**

John Felleggy moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom McCarthy seconded and the motion carried. Brian Zeller adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.