

Regular Meeting of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
HELD REMOTELY DUE TO COVID -19 PANDEMIC

Thursday, June 11th, 2020

6:00PM

Present: John Fellegly, Baytown Township; Mike Runk, Oak Park Heights; Tom McCarthy, Lake St. Croix Beach; Beth Olfelt-Nelson, St. Mary's Point; Ryan Collins, City of Stillwater; John Dahl, City of Bayport; Administrator Matt Downing; Cameron Blake, WCD. William Jepsen, member of the public.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Manager McCarthy.

Approval of Agenda

Administrator Downing amended the agenda to include an item after other: notice from the auditor, Peterson Company. Manager Fellegly motioned to accept the agenda and Manager Runk seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Manager Fellegly motioned to approve the May 14th draft minutes and Manager Dahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Administrator Downing. The remaining checking account balance for May 2020 was \$308,146.66. First State Bank CDs were valued at \$38,549.15. The ending balance in the RBC savings account for May 2020 is \$65,073.58.

Bills to be approved this month are: Washington Conservation District (Administration): \$ 1,667.00; Washington Conservation District (Technical Services): \$2,602.50; Total: \$4,269.50. Manager Fellegly moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills and Manager Collins seconded this motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Manager Fellegly asked why the balance in the bank account was so large and Administrator Downing said it was deposits for some upcoming large grant projects. Manager Dahl said he would follow up with Bayport on the second community contribution and Manager Fellegly said he would do the same with Baytown.

Public Comment

William Jepsen, a resident on Lake McKusick, explained that he was attending the meeting tonight because he was concerned about the lake and shoreline and wanted to start paying attention. Manager Fellegly inquired as to whether he was in the McKusick Lake Association to which Mr. Jepsen replied that the association fell apart due to personality conflicts. Manager Fellegly recalled that the MSCWMO finds it easier to work with HOA's or lake associations, and recalled some projects being done on Lake McKusick. Administrator Downing explained that there is monitoring done on the lake with many reports available on the MSCWMO website. He recalled projects such as shoreline plantings, in-lake work, and raingardens in the watershed.

Administrator Downing also noted that the Brown's Creek Watershed District had also completed projects with Lake McKusick included the diversion drainage project, and IESF, headcut repairs and projects with the Oak Glen Golf Course. He suggested to check both the MSCWMO and BCWD websites for more information. Mr. Jepsen said that he has seen those websites and wanted to compliment Administrator Downing on the quality and detail included in them.

2021 Draft Budget

Administrator Downing presented the board with the draft 2021 budget which was proposed to be unchanged from the 2020 budget. He reminded the board that the 2020 budget included an increase and that he felt the work that needed to be accomplished could be done without another increase in 2021. Manager Fellegly motioned to approve the draft 2021 budget and Manager Olfelt-Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Perro Creek Girl Scout Planting

Cameron Blake explained the memo associated with the third stage of the Perro Creek shoreline restoration project. Manager Dahl asked if it would be a conflict of interest for him to vote and the board didn't think it would be. Manager Fellegly motioned to approve expenditures from the MSCWMO Cost Share budget not to exceed \$1,200 for the Perro Creek Native Shoreline Restoration. Manager Collins seconded this motion and the motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Plan Review and Submittal Summary: Central Automotive

The construction of a new automotive repair shop is proposed at 59th St and Osgood Ave N in Oak Park Heights. A project application for review was received on April 14th, 2020. As submitted the project proposed stormwater management with an infiltration basin, however, the project is located within a high vulnerability drinking water source management and area and wellhead protection area with prohibited infiltration. A revised submittal was received May 20th, 2020 utilizing a clay lined detention basin with an iron enhanced sand filter bench to satisfy flexible treatment options. Staff recommends approval with three conditions. The first is to keep maintenance and inspection records, the second was that a dedication/easement is needed over the stormwater features, and the third is a maintenance agreement is required for the IESF bench. Manager Fellegly confirmed that the property owner is responsible for ensuring the system is maintained and functioning and asked who does that oversight. Administrator Downing explained that it's the city's responsibility as the permitting entity and that the MSCWMO is available to help if the city requests it. Manager Fellegly motioned to approve the project with the three recommendations and Manager Runk seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection Reports

Manager Fellegly met on site at the Fedorowski property to ensure the ESC inspector Aaron DeRusha's previous recommendations were in place. Administrator Downing explained that the property was mostly in compliance and that they are working with Baytown Township to make sure the builder addresses the remaining issues. Manager Fellegly confirmed that the timeframe

of compliance was up to the township as the permitting authority. Administrator Downing thinks the measures need to be in place shortly as vegetation is needed to prevent erosion on a steep grade. Manager Fellegly asked about the property where the stormwater is originating and Administrator Downing said the landowner has not reached out and the circumstances would only lead to a voluntary conservation practice, Manager Fellegly said he would reach out to the landowner. Manager Dahl said the photos were helpful and realized where the property was in relation to Bayport. He asked what scale the erosion problem was and Administrator Downing explained that there was erosion but due to the site conditions the soil isn't leaving the site. The property owner was not initially responsive to the ESC inspection results but when the issue was raised that it could affect the house the property owner became much more concerned.

Staff Report

Administrator Downing explained that the majority of his time has been focused on large grant projects. The Lily Lake project received the first 50% deposit and work should be starting quickly. The Lake St. Croix Beach project planning is in progress and work should start in the fall. The PFAS work from the state has not resumed yet and Administrator Downing will reach out to the consultant to ask about that progress.

The Perro Creek E. coli testing has not begun because the Florida lab that was going to be used for the analysis was shut down during COVID-19. Administrator Downing said they are working on getting the lab to accept the sample. The original sampling plan the board approved was to have samples analyzed and if the result was human origin then more samples would occur. The board recalled that last year there was a delivery error with one of the samples taken that caused the results to be unusable.

Administrator Downing is the MSCWMO representative at the LSCWD Watershed Based Funding discussions. The discussions are beginning to start up but Administrator Downing is concerned that it may be hard to reach consensus given the large group of diverse entities, especially given the remote setting of the meetings.

1W1P Updates

Manager Fellegly said the next 1W1P meeting is June 29th and it is the first meeting after the draft plan review process. The group is still meeting remotely.

Audit Report

Administrator Downing asked the board to approve the audit report so it could be signed. The deadline from the state is June 30th. Manager Fellegly said he wanted Manager Zeller to sign the report. Manager Fellegly motioned to approve the audit report and Manager Dahl seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor.

Adjourn

The board had consensus that they would like the next board meeting to be remote. Manager Fellegly motioned to adjourn and Manager McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.