Bald Eagle Lake Outlet Status/Update.

Hugo City Engineer Jay Kennedy gave background information and update on recent activities. He stated that the ownership of the dam was unclear. The current project funding status is: total cost, $600,000; MnDOT bridge funds $252,000; remaining funds needed $348,000. The construction plans are completed but there have been no permit acquisitions. At this time the city is performing regular inspection because the outlet structure is deteriorating. There has been significant maintenance issues-sinkholes and water through & under pipes. The cities of Hugo, Lino Lakes, Centerville, and White Bear Township have helped fund the installation of rip-rap to shore up the deteriorating weir wall.

The RCWD Board (Board) discussed with the Hugo City Council (Council) the need to move this project along. The Board and Council discussed several different possible project partnership options and possible cost-sharing frameworks. The Board identified their continued interest and offer to continue dialogue and to consider a proposal from the City. The City’s previously submitted urban cost sharing application and permit were also discussed. The Board felt it was important to include the DNR and Army Corp of Engineers in any planning process. The Council believed that a joint powers agreement (JPA) could be one option that could be created between the stakeholders to detail ownership and future maintenance of the structure.

Council Member Haas informed the Board that the City Council had met with Ramsey County Commissioner Hoffman, Washington County Commissioner Miron, and Anoka County Commissioner Sivarajah and they had given their support. The Commissioners stated they would go back to their Boards and draft a resolution of support. He also informed them that Ramsey County Commissioner Hoffman would assist the city in setting a meeting up with the DNR commissioner and stakeholders to discuss a JPA to resolve ownership and maintenance. The Council will notify the District so they may be in attendance.

The RCWD Board by consensus would like to see construction plans and a cost breakdown for the dam component and the roadway component, along with DNR and the Cities inspection reports so they can review and discuss it at their next workshop.

The workshop was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.