The Board convened workshop at 3:30 p.m.

Attendance: — Board members, Patricia Preiner, John Waller and Steve Wagamon.

Absent: Barbara Haake and Harley Ogata (with prior notice)

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineer Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness— Houston Engineering (HEI); District Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (portion of meeting), Tony Capra (portion of meeting) and Jim Hafner—City of Blaine (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested the following additions to the agenda: Mattamy Homes request an analysis of ACD 72.

Discussion on requested ditch maintenance work on north portion of Anoka County Ditch 53-62.

Mr. Tony Capra requested the Board to extend the planned ACD 53-62 Branch 1 repair project to his property. The District engineer presented material that explained why the planned repair was not carried through to his property. After some questions about the repair plans made by Mr. Capra, Staff assisted him with reading elevations of the ditch and culverts located by his property from the repair plan and profile sheets and explained that his request may be able to be met as part of the District’s drainage system maintenance program as the plans and specs for the project are nearly complete. Additionally, Staff laid out the process required determining the correct grade and depth of the maintenance work and that Staff would visit his property in late spring/early summer to do investigative work to see if the requested drainage system maintenance work is technically feasible and to determine if work would trigger any wetland regulations.

Surety schedule discussion.

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik reviewed Houston Engineering’s permit surety cost analysis memo with the Board. Mr. Jim Hafner, City of Blaine Stormwater Manager, informed the Board of how the city calculates its surety. The Board thanked Mr. Hafner for the information and Manager Waller requested that he ask the city if they would like to take over watershed permitting as the city of Hugo has done. Manager Waller replied that this would help in keeping surety cost down for developers. The Board by majority consensus agreed with the Engineer’s analysis for the average cost associated with soils excavation and removal offsite of $23 per cubic yard. The current number is $50 per cubic yard in floodplain. This item will be brought to the March 12th meeting for Board action. The Board also agreed that it would like to further discuss this item at their next workshop.
Discussion on Atlas 14 and updates to district-wide model (DWMP) and discussion on next steps for 2014 rule revision.

District Engineers Deutschman, Otterness and District Administrator Belfiori discussed with the Board the implications of the Atlas 14 updates to the DWMP. They discussed how to present the modeling revisions to the Cities in the District (who are the LGU for the FEMA floodplain program in the District). Staff also identified concerns about how the rollout of Atlas 14 into the District rules many further exacerbate the request to the District to become more involved with the FEMA program, and that this further involvement of the District in the FEMA program was inconsistent with previous consensus direction by the Board to not fund FEMA floodway calculations and not work through FEMA detailed reviews and map revisions. Staff and the District Engineer’s suggested TAC meetings, separate from the 2014 rule revision process with the cities to attempt to come to a common point of understanding related to the time and logistics of implementation of Atlas 14. The Board further discussed the staff/engineer recommendations and upon further review reached consensus that it would not separate the Atlas 14 rollout from the 2014 rule revision process. The Board also reached consensus that these meetings with the cities should be schedule as a part of the rule revision local review process.

Discussion on Bald Eagle Lake/stormwater reuse project monitoring plan.

Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian discussed with the Board the Bald Eagle Lake/stormwater reuse project monitoring plan and the District’s current project monitoring plan. Manager Waller asked about possible options for expanding the District monitoring program. Mr. Kocian responded that potential expansion of the District’s monitoring program was an option and these options would potentially have staffing and budget implications depending on the scope, purpose and scale of the monitoring work the Board wishes to implement. The Board reached consensus that this issue should be brought back to a future workshop for additional discussion.

Discussion on permit application fees for permit 12-059R/13-068.

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik reviewed the District’s cost associated with these files. The Board discussed with staff and consultants the current permit fee structure. The Board by majority consensus agreed to consider at the March 12th Board a storm water permit fee cap of $10,000. The Board also agreed by majority consensus that this new storm water fee will be retroactive to July 1, 2013 and a refund will be given to those applicants that exceeded that cap. This item will be brought to the March 12th meeting for Board action.

Discussion on programmatic agreement for maintenance for city permitted projects.

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik and Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board the proposed agreement. This agreement has the standard threshold similar to MS4 requirements. But they are still separate programs/agreements. This agreement can cover all RCWD permitted city projects. This agreement will be brought to the March 12th meeting for Board action.

Update on Browns Preserve project cost summary.

Administrator Belfiori and District Engineer Deutschman reviewed the cost summary with the Board which shows expenditures are less than what was budgeted.

Update on iron enhanced sand pond project.

Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell updated the Board on the Clean Water Fund grant funded project with Anoka Conservation District (ACD). In the grant proposal the District and the City of Blaine are listed as...
partners. At this time the District is working with ACD on the final work plan that needs to be submitted to BWSR by March 17th.

**Mattamy Homes request.**

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that Mattamy Homes contacted the District requesting hydrologic review of ACD 72. The Board by consensus approved directing the District Engineer to perform hydrologic modeling on the area which will provide capacity and future hydrology data.

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that to date the District has not received a response from DNR regarding the latest correspondence on ACD 53-62 permitting.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.