The Board convened workshop at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Board members, Patricia Preiner, John Waller, Steve Wagamon, Barbara Haake and Mike Bradley.

Absent:

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Technician Samantha Berger (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineers Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness-Houston Engineering (HEI); District Attorney Louis Smith-Smith Partners via phone conference (portion of meeting).

Discussion on requested Board agenda items related to previous Anoka County Ditch 53-62 settlements.

The Board by consensus waived attorney-client privilege for Smith Partners memorandum dated December 2, 2015, regarding treatment of Metro Shooting and Trost settlements in District financial reports. Manager Waller requested the Board recognize Houston Engineering (HEI) task order 2015-031 because that was the basis HEI used to provided District wetland credit replacement responsibilities which were contained in the Smith Partners 12/2/15 memo. District Engineer Deutschman clarified that those figures were from a HEI 2013 memo as part of the Blaine EDA and task order 15-031 was to investigate other wetland bank opportunities for the District. The Board agreed by consensus that the HEI task order 2015-031 had no relevance to the Smith Partners memo and should be removed from the 3/9 Board meeting. The Board stated they will consider a motion related to their previous majority consensus to the remoteness of the liability at their business meeting on Wednesday 3/9.

Discussion on Board workshops logistics.

The Board discussed the current practices of their workshops and agreed by majority consensus they should remain status quo.

Followup/additional discussion on possible funding options and crediting for stormwater reuse projects and proposed upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

District Engineer Deutschman provided a presentation that discussed the background behind the current board policy related to the District permit obligation and funding /cost sharing for reuse projects and their previous interest in supporting stormwater reuse. The Board upon further discussion reached consensus that they initially concurred with the general approach of cost sharing reduced groundwater demand/use from reuse projects as part of the Urban Stormwater Remediation (USWR) program process incidental/separate from the permit process, which gives a preference for regional (larger) systems and establishes “value” of water.
The Board also discussed the options related to stormwater reuse permit “credits” approaches and upon further discussion reached consensus that staff should continue to investigate a system of crediting reuse projects when that system was shown to be in service/good working order at a volume equivalent to 0.5 inches (or less if based on sufficient technical data/reuse guidelines). The applicant could then pursue and prove additional credit based on monitoring but would need to be for a duration of a representative number of years to ensure an average annual amount.

Staff then presented a proposed initial Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting agenda for a proposed meeting with city/county partners in mid-April. It was discussed that an initial agenda would contain a discussion on the District’s future conditions modeling results, municipal local surface water management plan updates, proposed water reuse programs/policies, and possible District rule revisions. The Board also discussed the preliminary idea of quarterly or bi-annual TAC meetings and the benefits of those types of partnership based meetings. The board by consensus agreed that they were comfortable with the proposed TAC agenda.

**Discussion on drainage system updates.**

District Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt updated the Board on last year’s maintenance projects and inspections of the drainage system. He also provided information to the Board on 2016 planned minor maintenance. District Public Drainage Inspector Schmidt informed the Board of the District’s development of a drainage database. This database includes inspection obligation schedules which fulfills statutory requirements by providing advanced work schedules and budgets.

**Update of City of Hugo Local Water Plan (LWP) review.**

Technician Samantha Kreibich informed the Board that the District will be submitting a review letter to the City of Hugo regarding their updates to their LWP. The Board discussed the city request for a revised JD 2 MOU including AWJD 3 and identified that they wished to further evaluate the request and review the proposed MOU terms for both systems. The Board also discussed their previous consensus on review/approval of CSMP plans.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.