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

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

Absent:

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Ditch Inspector Tom Schmidt; Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell; Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineers Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness-Houston Engineering (HEI); Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan.

Executive /closed session: Discussion on appeal of Water Management District (WMD) charge for Anoka County Ditch (ACD) 46.

President Preiner closed the workshop due to attorney-client discussions with Drainage Attorney Kolb regarding Cora Ida Boehm’s appeal of the ACD 46 WMD charges.

President Preiner opened the workshop.

Discussion on long-range Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.

Administrator Belfiori reviewed the two long-range CIP planning implementation tables for public drainage system repairs, with staff recommended ranking of priorities. The first table represented the District’s current approach of competing roughly one major ditch repair per year, which would be about 5 systems in the next 5 years. The second table showed an accelerated approach, repairing roughly two systems per year, which included roughly 10 systems in the next 5 years.

District Engineer Otterness reviewed the District typical ditch system repair process for systems requiring more than minor maintenance. First pre-project: to determine as constructed subsequently improved condition/document system condition; Year 1, repair report/memorandum and funding approach; Year 2, construction plans and permitting, Year 2/3, construction. Staff and Engineer’s also explained the risk for the District if the repair process is initiated without the Board first scheduling and budgeting the full system repair and construction the years immediately after initiating the repair report. The largest risk lays in the fact that the field data is time sensitive in that field conditions may change after time and would have to be re-evaluated. Additional risks include loss of staff/consultant/agency knowledge, raising public expectations of immediate action, and perceived lack of public responsiveness by the District. The board by consensus agreed with the Engineers recommended timing for budgeting drainage repair projects.
The Board then reviewed the CIP tables with staff and engineers and at this time agreed via consensus with the current drainage repair implementation CIP approach table. The Board also reached consensus that these tables should be reviewed and revisited on an annual basis.

**Discussion on 2016 Urban Stormwater Remediation cost-share grants.**
Water Resource Specialist Axtell reviewed the additional information requested by the District for the City of Hugo and City of Mounds View USWR cost-share grant applications. He also provided background information related to what other watersheds are doing related to providing cost-share funding for advanced street sweepers. This item will be an action item at the April 13th Board meeting.

**Discussion on initial field investigation Washington County Judicial Ditch 2 Branch 2.**
District Engineer Otterness provided a presentation on the current condition of WJD #2, Branch #2. Staff and The Board discussed the timing for initiating the repair for this system as it related to the other projects identified in the previously agreed upon current drainage repair implementation CIP table. The Board agreed by consensus that at this time it would place the timing to initiate repair of this system after those pubic drainage systems identified on the current table.

**Discussion on criteria for area of reasonable use for ACD 31/46 repair.**
Public Drainage Inspector Schmidt and Engineer Otterness reviewed the current criteria for determining the area of reasonable use for the repair. The Board by consensus agreed with the criteria framework as presented.

**Update on Metropolitan Council grant discussions.**
Administrator Belfiori explained cities must apply for this grant through the District. Staff provided a handout to the Board which included a District email to interested cities, letter of support template for cities, and a table of the five cities/their project description/cost of project/proposed grant request/RCWD match request/possible District funding options/and notes. They informed the Board that this grant is highly competitive in that $1 million dollars is available for funding the entire metro area and the District maybe submitting up to a potential $900,000 in grant requests.

**Staff updates.**
Drainage Attorney Kolb gave an update per the request of President Preiner on a jurisdictional determination between Hawkes Co., Inc. and the US ACOE. This determination would have no significance to the District.

Drainage Attorney Kolb gave an update per the request of President Preiner on the Buffer Legislation. HF 3000/SF 2503 which were vetted by the Red Board and MAWD are active in committee at the Capitol.

District Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that John Kolb had recently retired from the U.S. Army Reserve after nearly 29 years of duty and thanked him for his service.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.