REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers
4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, Minnesota

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
President Patricia Preiner called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: President Patricia Preiner, 1st Vice-Pres. Barbara Haake, 2nd Vice-Pres. John Waller, Treasurer Steven Wagamon and Secretary Michael Bradley
Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik, Technician Samantha Berger, Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); and District Attorney Louis Smith from Smith Partners

Visitors: Przemyslaw Bajer, Aaron Claus.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA
Administrator Belfiori noted that he did not have any additions but, would like to clarify a few items on the agenda. He stated that for item #1, the ProCom consideration of purchase will need to be addressed on a future agenda, since negotiations are ongoing, however there will still be a presentation on this item. He stated that he will also be handling the presentation for item #3.

Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Bradley to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL
Minutes of the June 26, 2018 Strategic Direction Workshop. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
Minutes of the June 27, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the staff recommendation and associated documentation unless a Manager or another interested person requests opportunity for discussion:

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Manager Haake stated that she had a question regarding Permit No. 18-052 pertaining to County Road H in Mounds View. She asked where the stormwater holding pond would be on the site.

Technician Samantha Berger stated that there is not a holding pond located on the parcel and instead there is a regional pond that is located just to the west of the site. She explained that this holding pond was designed to take run off from this site and it will be utilized for stormwater treatment. She stated that there will be a slight reduction in the amount of impervious surface at this site.

It was moved by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Wagamon to approve the consent agenda for permits 17-063, 18-052, 18-057, and 18-063 as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations dated July 2 & 3, 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN MIKE – LIMIT 12 MINUTES. Any RCWD resident may address the Board in his or her individual capacity, for up to three minutes, on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record. Additional comments may be solicited and accepted in writing. Generally, the Board of Managers will not take official action on items discussed at this time, but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

None.
ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

   Przemyslaw Bajer, Carp Solutions gave a brief presentation of the final report and summarized the results. He stated that the biomass of carp has been reduced from 700 to 380 kg/ha. He noted that they learned that Lino Lakes is a key nursery area and the carp move extensively between Long Lake and Lino Lakes. The management methods that exist are: commercial nets; box nets; electric barrier; whoosh system. He stated that the electric barrier and whoosh methods are still under development but, appear to be the most promising. He stated that there are methods that can quickly monitor the status of the population of carp. Mr. Bajer stated that the key management recommendations are aggressively removing the adult carp; monitor changes in carp biomass and age structure in Long Lake; monitor carp recruitment in Lino Lakes every year and see how often they are able to produce good carp into Long Lake; maintain electric barrier to block or remove spawning migrations and juvenile recruitment from Lino Lakes into Long Lake; and to make sure that as new data comes in, the population model is updated.

   Matt Kocian, Lake and Stream Specialist showed a video of the fish that was captured at the electric barrier and noted that they have been very happy with the performance of the barrier. He stated that the original agreement with ProCom was to test the program for two years, but staff has been so happy with the results after just one year, they have decided to stop leasing and purchase the equipment. He stated that the District is working with Procom on a contract amendment and will bring it back to the Board at a future meeting.

   Manager Bradley asked if the upper barrier would need to be on all summer.

   Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that it will need to be on in late summer for about two months. He stated that based on Mr. Bajer’s results, somewhere from early September to mid-November. He noted that much of the project work that has been completed has been due to the BWSR Targeted Watershed Grant that will be coming to an end by the end of the year when the RCWD will move towards the long-term management program.

   Manager Bradley asked what the annual cost estimate will be for the long-term management program.

   Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that he does not have an annual cost for the management program, but the costs will be far below what has been invested in the projects and what was invested with Carp Solutions. He stated for 2019 budget, this program has been budgeted at $200,000, but he cannot say that will be the same every year. He reviewed what will still need to be completed as part of the Long Lake Targeted Watershed Grant project; purchase the ProCom barriers; improve infrastructure at
barrier sites, including installation of dedicated A/C power; annually remove 50-60% of adult carp; block the downstream migration of juvenile carp and continue monitoring.

President Preiner asked what distance the electricity would need to be brought in from in order to have the permanent A/C connections.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that staff has been working on this with Houston Engineering because even though it isn’t a great distance, it requires some creativity to cross the creek.

Manager Waller stated that his understanding is that bluegill sunfish are a natural predator for carp eggs. He asked if there was a possibility within the long-term plans for the RCWD to work with DNR and the cities that have these lakes to have a program to plant the bluegill sunfish on an annual basis. He stated that this would provide for metropolitan recreational fishing but also for carp control. He asked that this be explored for future discussion.

Manager Bradley asked if the reason there wasn’t a large number of bluegill sunfish in Lino Lakes is because of winter kill.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that this was correct.

Manager Haake suggested that perhaps an aerator could be put in to help the fish get oxygen during the winter. She noted that this had been done at Peltier Lake and Spring Lake.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated that both bluegill stocking and aeration can be explored, and it will be important to have a flexible management strategy.

2. Consider Findings and Order Reestablishing/Correcting Drainage System Record for Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3 and 5.

Administrator Belfiori gave an overview of the findings for correcting the drainage system for Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, and 5. He noted that the Board had held an informational meeting in April to inform land owners of the drainage system drainage records correction and a public hearing was held on June 12, 2018. Staff is recommending approval.

Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Bradley, to adopt Resolution 2018-18: Findings And Order Reestablishing/Correcting Drainage System Record For Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3 And 5.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the RCWD Board of Managers makes the following ORDER:
The Board of Managers hereby reestablishes and corrects the drainage system record of RCDs 2, 3 and 5 to reflect the alignment; cross-section; profile; hydraulic structure locations, materials, dimensions, and elevations; and right-of-way of the drainage systems as detailed in the engineer’s report, attached as Exhibit A.

ROLL CALL:
Manager Waller – Aye
Manager Haake – Aye
Manager Bradley – Aye
Manager Wagamon – Aye
President Preiner – Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider Request #13 from Rachel Contracting, Inc. for Hansen Park Project.
Administrator Belfiori stated that Rachel Contracting has completed the native seeding and planting of trees and shrubs and the subcontractor for this project has also completed the wetland maintenance activities for the summer season. He stated the grading and paving will be completed in August along with any other punch list items remaining. Staff concurs with the District Engineer’s opinion and is recommending approval.

Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve Rachel Contracting, Inc.’s pay request as submitted and certified by the District Engineer and directs staff to issue a payment in the amount of $57,612.97. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Bradley stated that this project had about 6 residential homes that were concerned about the final grading. He asked how this issue had been resolved.

District Administrator Belfiori stated that he is not sure if he would use the word “resolved” however, it continues as a communication issue. He noted that the City of New Brighton has taken the lead in these efforts.


Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Haake, to approve check register dated July 11, 2018, in the amount of $56,178.24, prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION
1. District Engineer Update and Timeline.
District Engineer Otterness stated that he didn’t have anything to specifically address but was open to answer questions.
2. **Managers Update.**

Manager Waller stated that he was asked at the workshop meeting on July 9, 2018 about how he felt about the budget. He stated that his position is unchanged and he wants to see the money collected within the counties spent in the same counties. He stated that he would vote for a tax increase if he knew the money raised in Washington County was also being spent in Washington County.

Manager Bradley stated that there are a number of things the RCWD Board does that require ad valorem treatment, such as most of the drainage system, flooding, and water quality which would not be consistent with having counties pay different amounts and budgeting that way.

Manager Waller stated that historically, in this district, the RCWD paid ad valorem for the drainage ditches and no significant maintenance was completed for 25 years. He stated that he doesn’t disagree with Manager Bradley, but from past experience, by not being specific about where money is collected and spent, some areas that paid did not have money given to maintain their infrastructure.

Manager Bradley noted that he had been summoned to jury duty starting August 6, 2018, so he is unsure if he will be able to attend the workshop meeting scheduled for that day or the regular meeting on August 8, 2018.

Administrator Belfiori stated that there is a Metro MAWD meeting scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. He stated that the Department of Health will be there to talk about some of their research findings regarding re-use.

Manager Haake noted that on July 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park Senior High School there will also be a meeting regarding the possible closing of one of the lock and dams in St. Anthony.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Haake, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.* Motion carried 5-0.