CALL TO ORDER
President Patricia Preiner was unable to call the meeting to order, because there was not a quorum, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: President Patricia Preiner, and 2nd Vice-Pres. John Waller.
Absent: 1st Vice-Pres. Barbara Haake, Secretary Michael Bradley and Treasurer Steven Wagamon (with prior notice).

Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, District Technician Lauren Sampedro, Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: None.

Visitors: Daniel Buchholtz from City of Spring Lake Park

President Preiner noted that since there was not a quorum, the regular Board meeting could not be held, but the Public Hearing could move ahead as planned.

PUBLIC HEARING: Urban Stormwater Remediation Cost-Share Program and BWSR Watershed Based Funding Pilot Program Requests from the Cities of Circle Pines, Fridley, Hugo, Lino Lakes, Saint Anthony, Spring Lake Park, and Willernie, and Forest Lake Area Schools

President Patricia Preiner read the following statement of the Watershed District President.

The regular Board meeting is now recessed, and the public hearing is opened on the Rice Creek Watershed District’s proposed selection of projects for funding through the District’s Urban Stormwater Remediation Cost-Share Program and/or the Board of Water and Soil Resources’ Watershed-Based Funding Pilot Program. One or more of the applications, as appropriate, may also be considered for funding through other projects within the District’s Capital Improvement Program, such as a TMDL Implementation Fund.
The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the public on the projects that the Board is considering for cost-share assistance in the Cities of Circle Pines, Fridley, Hugo, Lino Lakes, Saint Anthony, Spring Lake Park, and Willernie, as well as an application from Forest Lake Area Schools.

Before the watershed district can provide funds for the capital work of these applicants, state law requires that the board of managers hold a public hearing, receive public comments and make a judgment that each selected project is a sound and cost-effective project to help fulfill our water resource goals. That is the purpose of today’s hearing. In accordance with state law, notice of this hearing was published for two successive weeks in the St. Paul Pioneer Press and mailed to all cities within the watershed district, as well as the district’s four counties.

First, I would ask Lauren Sampedro, District Technician, to give a brief presentation of the proposed projects. When her remarks are completed, the floor will be open for any members of the public who wish to address the board. At that time, if you wish to comment, please come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the record. If you have a written copy of your statement, or any other documents that you would like to submit, please give them to Theresa Stasica, our meeting clerk.

During public comment, managers are welcome to ask questions of commenters to clarify their remarks. I also may ask Ms. Sampedro or representatives of project applicants to respond to any technical questions raised. Managers will hold their own comments about the project until the public hearing is closed. At that time, the board will have the opportunity to discuss the projects.

District Technician Lauren Sampedro gave a brief overview of the goals and guidelines for the 2019 Urban Stormwater Remediation (USWR) Cost-Share Program and BWSR Watershed-Based Funding Pilot Program (WBFPP). She summarized the applications that were received. The applications were:

**City of Circle Pines – Alum Treatment Study for Golden Lake**

This project proposes to conduct a feasibility study to define the optimal alum dosage rates and application techniques needed to achieve an 86% reduction in Golden Lake’s internal loading. The eligible cost for the project is $24,000 and the Cost-Share request is $21,600 of WBFPP funds. She explained that the City’s target is to remove up to 260 pounds of internal Phosphorus annually with no TSS removal or flood control benefits.

**City of Forest Lake Area Schools – Greenhouse Reuse Cistern**

This project proposes to install a rainwater capture cistern to collect stormwater from the roof of the Forest Lake High School and utilize the treated water for irrigation in the high school’s greenhouse. This project is in conjunction with a Master Water Steward project and ties to a larger reuse project on site. She stated that the eligible project cost is $20,000 and the Cost-Share request is for $10,000 of USWR funds. She
explained that there will be no flood control benefits but will offer groundwater
benefits by capturing 1,800 to 3,500 gallons per 1-3-inch rain event.

City of Fridley – Norton Creek Watershed Study
This project proposes to conduct a feasibility study to model the Norton Creek
Watershed and identify potential opportunities for water quality improvements, flood
mitigation, and the reduction of sediment and nutrient loading to Rice Creek. She
noted that the eligible project cost is $75,000 and the Cost-Share request is for
$50,000 of WBFPP funds. The water quality and flood control benefits are unknown
at this time.

City of Hugo – Water’s Edge Stormwater Reuse Phase II
This project proposes to expand the existing Water’s Edge stormwater reuse irrigation
system to service an additional 533 residential units in the Water’s Edge community
and the boulevards and medians of Oneka Parkway. She noted that the RCWD has
funded Phase I of this project. She stated that the eligible project cost is $300,000
and the Cost-Share request is for $110,620 from USWR funds and $78,760 from
WBFPP funds. She stated that the water quality benefits involve removal of 70 pounds
of TP annually. The flood control benefits are 38.4 ac-ft in annual volume reduction
and save 12 million gallons in groundwater benefits per year.

City of Lino Lakes – Century Farm North 4th Addition – Stormwater Reuse Feasibility Study
This project proposes to develop a feasibility study for a stormwater reuse and
irrigation system at the Century Farm 4th Addition neighborhood. The eligible project
cost is $15,600 and the Cost-Share request is for $14,040 in WBFPP funds. She stated
that the flood control benefits should be 5 ac-ft in volume reduction annually and 1.67
million gallons of groundwater saved annually.

City of Lino Lakes – Irrigation Control Replacement
This project proposes to replace the irrigation controllers at 12 city-owned irrigation
systems and provide funding for replacement of controllers at 3 private irrigation
users. New controllers would reduce non-essential water usage in the City. She stated
that the eligible cost is $82,000 and the Cost-Share request is for $50,000 of USWR
funds and $28,800 in WBFPP funds. The groundwater benefits will be 7.2 million
gallons saved annually.

City of Lino Lakes – Northeast Lino Lakes Drainage Improvement Project
This project proposes to construct a greenway corridor that includes the construction
of a conveyance channel and a vegetated buffer along the length of the channel. The
eligible project cost is $2,919,202 with the Cost-Share request of $50,000 USWR funds
and $200,000 WBFPP funds. She explained that it is staff and the District Engineer’s
opinion that this proposal is inconsistent with the program guidelines and should not
be considered for cost-share funding. The proposed practices do not appear to exceed
RCWD’s rule requirements.

City of Saint Anthony – Silver Lake Flood Improvement Project

This project proposes to install high capacity catch basins, a new 36-inch storm sewer
line, and a hydrodynamic separator. This project would relieve current flooding on
Silver Lake Road and reduce discharge rates to RCD 3. She noted that the eligible
project cost is $717,000 with a Cost-Share request of $50,000 in USWR funds and
$75,000 in WBFPP funds. The water quality benefits will be 2.4 pounds of TP and 769
pounds of TSS removed annually. She stated that the flood control benefits will be
3.5 ac-ft in annual volume reduction and reduced discharge rates to RCD 3 by 2 cfs.

City of Spring Lake Park – Garfield Street Pond Improvements

This project proposes to re-route stormwater flow from Garfield Pond to a channel
southeast of the pond and through a 42-inch pipe that discharges to Spring Lake. The
pond will be modified to include an infiltration bench. This project alleviates capacity
issues in the downstream Central Avenue storm sewer system and addresses low
water levels in Spring Lake. She stated that the eligible project cost is $496,950 and
the Cost-Share request is $100,000 in USWR funds and $218,522 in WBFPP funds. The
water quality benefits will be 23 pounds TP and 2.1 tons of TSS removed annually with
28 ac-ft in annual volume reduction.

City of Willernie– Stillwater Road (CSAH 12) Drainage Improvements

This project proposes to construct a new storm sewer line and 2 sump catch basis to
replace an existing 4-inch storm sewer line and reduce flooding around the Willernie
Post Office. The new line will connect to the CSAH 12 system and will be completed
in conjunction with the Washington County’s 2019 CSAH 12 reconstruction project.
She stated that the eligible project cost of $51,168.55 with a Cost-Share request of
$12,792.14 of USWR funds. The water quality benefits will be 9 pounds of TP and 84
pounds of TSS removed annually.

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.

Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator, for the City of Spring Lake Park, explained a little about their
current situation with the flooding issues with Garfield Pond. He stated that the proposed project
will help alleviate flooding and will also help add water into Spring Lake. He stated that he
believes this is the first time Spring Lake Park has asked for funding from the RCWD.

President Preiner asked how many homes were affected by the flooding of Garfield Pond.