Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
President 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, Secretary Michael J. Bradley, and Treasurer Steve Wagamon.
Absent: None
Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik, Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell, District Technician Samantha Berger, Office Manager Theresa Stasica.
Consultants: District Engineers Mark Deutschman; Chris Otterness, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); and, District Attorney Chuck Holtman from Smith Partners
Visitors: Pete Willenbring.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA
District Administrator Belfiori added new item 2, Urban Stormwater Grant Application, City of Forest Lake.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL
Minutes of the September 21, 2016, WJD 5, 6 & 7 Public Hearing Minutes. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Haake, to approve the minutes as amended.

Manager Waller indicated there was a question from an audience member that was missing in the minutes. He recalled one resident inquiring about Mike Daninger’s contribution to the Ditch Number 7 profile. He realized Mr. Daninger is deceased but it is his mapping and his knowledge was previously used in the earlier repair for Ditch Number 7. He did not recall who asked it but he remembered answering the question. District Administrator Belfiori indicated he would go back and review the tape.
The Board by consensus agreed to tabling approval of minutes until next meeting.

Minutes of the September 28, 2016, Board of Managers Meeting. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION
The following applications have been reviewed by the District Engineer and Staff and will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the Engineer’s Recommendation unless a Manager or the Applicant or another interested person requests opportunity for discussion:

CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to conditional approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, dated October 4 & 5, 2016.

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.

There were no comments made at Open Mike.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION


Water Resource Specialist Axtell stated based on previous direction from the RCWD Board of Managers, staff is preparing to implement the Urban Stormwater Remediation Cost-Share Program in 2017.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell explained that there are two notable program changes. They are planning to align the program with the RCWD’s Watershed Management Plan (WMP) amendment and rule revision that are both currently on public notice.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell reviewed the program changes. He made the following changes:

- Page 37, last sentence to section 3, last sentence will read “...all other funding provisions shall continue to apply.”
- Page 41, section 7, Project Description and Justification; second bullet add after “list and describe the BMP’s that will be incorporated into this project, including any proposed stormwater reuse components.”
• Under the 3rd bullet he was adding “if applicable, describe how the project impacts or protects ground water resources within the RCWD.”

Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Bradley, to authorize staff to initiate the 2017 Urban Stormwater Remediation Cost-Share Program and to notify potential applicants of funding availability by publishing the attached Request for Proposals. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Urban Stormwater Grant Application, City of Forest Lake

Water Resource Specialist Axtell reviewed the City of Forest Lake Urban Stormwater Grant Application with the Board. He noted the City has been working diligently to gain permission from Mr. McGowan to complete the work and that permission is not going to be obtained. The pond cleanout project is not going to be moving forward. Consequently, the City has redirected its efforts to build a very large robust structure at Forest Road. He stated in the long run this will be easier for the City to maintain. He did not think there was a need for Board action at this time but he would take questions.

Manager Waller thought this sounded like a better plan than before. He wondered if this was on the west side of the street or the east side. Water Resource Specialist Axtell stated this will be on the west side of the road. Manager Waller thought this would be a great place for the structure.

3. Consider R16-07, Berg Raingarden Application Water Quality Grant Program

District Technician Berger stated the project proposed the installation of curb-cut raingarden located at the end of a cul-de-sac in Arden Hills. The project will include the removal of some of the existing landscaping and retaining wall to make room for the newly installed rain garden which will help treat runoff coming from the large driveway, street, and the roof. Ultimately, the project is adjacent to Lake Johanna, a Tier I Water body in the RCWD Watershed Management Plan.

District Technician Berger reviewed the project with the Board.

Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve R16-07, Berg Raingarden Application Water Quality Grant Program in the amount of $7,249.97 in RCWD Water Quality Grant program funding, not to exceed 75% of eligible project expenses, in accordance with program guidelines.

Manager Waller stated he realized the language in the description says driveways and roof which indicates multiple but in this case when you have as many as four, it would be nice to have a little more preciseness as to how many driveways because when they divide four into the amount of money it does not seem to be as high. Technician Berger indicated that she would note this for future projects.

Manager Haake stated because the resident does this type of thing for a living she did not think it would be fair for him to receive money and then be able to claim $10,000 off his taxes for his expenditure. District Technician Berger noted the resident did not design the project, they utilized the Conservation District for the project.

Motion carried 5-0.
4. Consider Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) resolution

District Administrator Belfiori explained he passed out before the meeting Resolution 2016-24, related to a MAWD Resolution for Watershed based implementation of replacement siting.

District Administrator Belfiori reviewed the discussion from the Workshop meeting.

Manager Haake stated she really liked this and asked for a summary of resolution so she can review it with MAWD members at the next meeting.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Haake, to approve Resolution 2016-24, Recommending a Resolution to the MAWD Board Regarding Amendments to the Wetland Conservation to Restore Watershed-Based Implementation of Replacement Siting ds/waters restorations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rice Creek Watershed District approves submitting a resolution to MAWD urging its support of statutory amendments to restore watershed-based restoration siting priorities; and

FURTHER, a draft of the proposed MAWD resolution is attached but may be modified prior to submission based on coordination with Board of Water and Soil Resources staff.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consider Check Register dated 10/12/16, in the amount of $145,933.77, prepared by Redpath and Company.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve check register dated 10/12/16, in the amount of $145,933.77, prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. Discussion regarding MAWD Strategic/Transition Planning.

Manager Haake stated the Annual MAWD Board Fall Meeting was held Thursday and Friday, 10/6 & 10/7, in St. Cloud. She stated there was a lot of discussion regarding the MAWD strategic plan and transition plan. Right now in their organization they have one gentleman who has been the administrator and lobbyist, Ray Bohn, and he has expressed a desire to retire. Right now they have an excellent committee working on the strategic and transition plans. They have come up with a rough draft and would like to have it finalized by the middle of this month and get it distributed to the Watershed District so on November 1st everyone will have it before the Annual
meeting in December in Alexandria. She stated it is going to be very important that everyone in
every Watershed District appoint delegates come to this annual meeting to consider this proposal.
Manager Waller asked if all 46 Watershed Districts belonged to MAWD. Manager Haake stated
all 46 Districts pay dues. There are 3 regions and in those 3 regions they elect the delegates to
represent that region. The MAWD Board consists of 9 people because 3 people from each region
are elected.
President Preiner asked if the WMO structure was that much different than they are or is it just
the taxing issue. District Administrator Belfiori stated they that all watersheds in the seven county
metro by statute are “WMOs” including RCWD. He reviewed the different WMO organizations.
2. District Engineer’s Update and Timeline.
District Engineer Deutschman updated the Board on project timelines.
3. Manager’s Update
Manager Waller stated Administrator Belfiori and he attended the October 4th Annual Washington
County Board of Commissioners Watershed & Soil & Water Conservation District Workshop. At
the workshop it was presented that there was no budget increase for the RCWD 2017 preliminary
general tax levy. RCWD was the only watershed in Washington County that did not have an
increase in their general property tax levy. He stated there is a great deal of credit that needs to
go to the entire staff team at RCWD to be able to accomplish this achievement.
Manager Waller stated in addition, he was a former member of the Water Governance Study in
1999 and in that study the workgroup suggested that the Board of Commissioners take a look at
the water governance in the second decade of the new millennium. He stated the second decade
is upon them and he asked the Board of Commissioners to consider initiating that study into water
governance to see how those recommendations came together, particularly the budgets. He
stated this is a strategic time over the next few years the local stormwater plans by the cities will
have to adopt those rules. It becomes a particular problem for the cities because some of them
has three Watershed Districts and will have three different plans for that city. He was asked by a
Mayor why they cannot have the consistency of one set of rules.
Manager Waller stated Washington County has been a leader in the past on this so meshing the
budgets of the Watershed Districts along with the budgets of the City for the stormwater plans
and rules will all be coordinated because of the mandate from the Met Council. He thought it was
time to take a look at this strategically and see how this works and what kind of improvements
can be made.
Manager Waller stated after that meeting he attended the aquatic invasive species workshop and
some of the lake owner’s associations were present and they talked about how to use their
portion of the budget that the County has for this. This is another area where meshing and
coordination of budgets together would be an important step forward when working together.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.
Motion carried 5-0.

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