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

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

Absent: Barbara Haake absent with prior notice.

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian (portion of meeting); Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineers Chris Otterness and Garrett Monson (portion of meeting) - Houston Engineering (HEI); Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan; Daniel Hair (portion of meeting); Joel and Jenny VanCanneyt (portion of meeting); Doug Wood (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested an addition to the agenda item: Dan Hair Wetland Bank Concern.

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Mr. Hair informed the Board that he was concerned that the District’s recommendation to MAWD, and the approved MAWD resolution to amendment WCA to allowing replacement of wetlands within either the bank service area or the major watershed of the impact was for watershed districts. Drainage Attorney Kolb explained that this amendment also included private wetland banks. The District will keep Mr. Hair updated on this item as it is brought to the legislature. They also encouraged Mr. Hair to contact the legislature in support of the amendment.

Discussion on Anoka County Ditch 31 in-line pond investigation

District Engineers Chris Otterness and Garrett Monson reviewed HEI’s technical findings and conclusion from their in-line pond investigation. Mr. and Mrs. VanCanneyt and Mr. Wood expressed concerns regarding the conditions in the ponds (low water depths and exposed sediments). Mr. and Mrs. VanCanneyt also expressed their belief that the pond was originally deeper than the 3-4 feet that was determined by HEI. HEI explained their conclusion was that provided the proposed excavation is to a depth of 4 feet or less the removal of the accumulated sediment will likely meet the requirements of a WCA no loss decision. It was also explained that if the landowners wished to pursue a greater depth, that analysis and all related
The subsequent costs for that proposal and application would be their responsibility. The Board and staff also discussed possible RCWD cost share programs with the landowners and asked staff to work with them on possible cost share options and permit.

Mr. Wood expressed some of the same concerns as the VanCanneyts but said that he would prefer that the pond be filled in. It was explained that this would most likely not qualify for any exemptions and would likely require mitigation. The VanCanneyts asked about the possibility of impounding water along the ditch. Staff went through the required steps and needed proceedings to accomplish this.

**Discussion on Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Water Management District Preliminary Charge Analysis.**

District Engineer Chris Otterness reviewed the preliminary charge analysis with the Board. The Managers questioned Table 2. Current Land Use categories and their charge per acre. District Engineer Otterness explained that the charge is runoff based methodology not land value. The Board by consensus agreed to the preliminary charge analysis that was presented in the memo. Staff then explained that based on this Board consensus the next step was to bring a resolution to future Board meeting that would accept the memo and cost allocation and schedule a public information meeting and public hearing.

**Program /Project Updates:**

**Follow-up on area of drainage complaint in Columbus.**

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that MnDOT’s design build I35 split to Forest Lake project is not all mill and overlay as previously thought. He noted that the application does include some additional impervious surface and would therefore trigger the District’s Rule C requirements. The District has requested additional modeling information from MnDOT and have scheduled a meeting to review these new findings. The Board discussed that Manager Bradley should attend the meeting with MnDOT.

**Follow-up on petition for repair of ACD 10-22-32 Branch 1.**

Drainage Attorney reviewed the District’s proposed resolutions for the 12/14 Board meeting regarding Morell’s repair petition and LaValle’s impoundment/diversion/partial abandonment petition. Both resolutions are procedural in accepting the petitions and appointing Houston Engineering to investigate and prepare and file a report of findings.

The workshop was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.