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

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Technician Samantha Berger (portion of meeting) Inspector Terrence Chastan-Davis (portion of meeting); Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Regulatory Assistant Patrick Hughes (portion of meeting); Communications & Outreach Coordinator Beth Carreño (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness and Rachel Olm (portion of meeting)-Houston Engineering (HEI), and Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan; District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith Partners via telephone (portion of meeting).

Visitors: Larry Lanoux (portion of meeting), Loren Sederstrom (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori updated the board on compliance issue 17-105. He stated that based on staff’s report regarding their site visit and consultation with legal counsel and President Preiner, he used his judgment and on Friday, September 21, 2018, notified the permit applicant and contractor that the Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 9 a.m. compliance hearing would be cancelled.

Discussion on request to participate further in the environmental review related to Permit 17-008 and the protocol for communication.

Administrator Belfiori provided to the Board a copy of Virginia (Ginny) Yingling, MDH emails dated 5/10/2018 and 9/18/18 with an attached document titled: PFAA Sampling at Bellaire Transfer Station, prepared by Ginny Yingling, MDH, 4/26/18. Staff reviewed the handout with the Board.

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik provided a presentation to the Board outlining the District’s policy development regarding contamination related to the Districts.
Staff and consultants reviewed the Board’s policy as related to the regulatory program. Per the Board’s policy/direction, if the contamination reaches a site of an open District permit application, CAPROC items are generated on the applicant’s Engineer’s Report requiring the permit applicant to submit a signed statement that the party reported to the MPCA and the MDH of the subsurface contamination, and the disturbance proposed for the site as well as a copy of the notification or when to in writing the form and detail of the notification. The Board discussed with Staff and consultants a mechanism for the District to be aware of any additional communications from the state agencies to the applicant and if there is a way for staff to track these permits via the Districts database for follow-up. The Board by consensus directed Staff to provide the Board with proposed language for a stipulation to provide information back to the District.

Staff informed the Board that the District commented on the EAW for the proposed Mahtomedi Ice Arena (Permit 17-008) specific to the District rules for storm water treatment. The City of Grant adequately addressed the Districts comments.

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik informed the Board that permit applicant Dr. Ong may participate in open mike at the Wednesday, September 26th Board meeting regarding his permit application and variance request. Manager Bradley informed the Board that he was also contacted.

Administrator Belfiori requested direction from the Board regarding the request to participate further in the environmental review related to Permit 17-008. The Board by consensus directed no more activity regarding this environmental review.

Administrator Belfiori mentioned that he was asked to place protocol for managers communications outside meetings/workshops of this agenda. President Preiner then provided a summary statement of her concern.

Administrator Belfiori asked the Board if they would like to have a presentation at a future workshop from Ginny Yingling at the MDH. The Board agreed this would be very informative.

**Discussion on proposed maintenance/repair of JD 2 Br. 1 / 2 and ACD 53-62 Br. 1 Lat. 1.**

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that DNR has responded to our meeting request with three available dates in late October. This meeting will have staff from RCWD, DNR, Cities of Blaine and Hugo, and Chris Otterness in attendance.

Attorney Kolb discussed with the Board his recommendation for the response letter from the District regarding DNR’s Letter of Permission to the District relating to proposed maintenance on ACD 53-62 Br. 1 Lat. 1. Upon further discussion, the Board reached consensus with Mr. Kolb’s recommendation and that Mr. Kolb and staff should draft the response letter.

Staff and Consultants discussed DNR’s response to the Districts letter regarding the proposed maintenance/repair of JD 2 Br. 1 / 2 with the Board. Staff informed them that the DNR has
requested additional technical information and that Staff is in the process of providing it. The
Board agreed via consensus with that approach.

Proposed MAWD resolution updates.
District Attorney John Kolb provided the Board with a revised clean and red-lined version of the
proposed MAWD background information & proposed MAWD resolution that was contained in
the Boards workshop packet. Attorney Kolb explained the changes were necessary because the
legislature will be starting a new biennium in 2019. Bills or new legislation modeled after them,
will have to be introduced in the new biennium. Bills can only carry over from year to year
within a current biennium. This item is on the Wednesday, September 26th meeting for
consideration/action.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell explained that the District Engineer has put together a draft
plan outline and a series of maps for the Land & Water Inventory section for the Board’s
review. Nothing is final at this time.

Review draft overall plan outline.
Manager Haake inquired about the rationale behind the order in which different areas are
presented in the plan outline. She suggested that “Water Quality” should be pulled up farther,
right behind “Flooding”. Manager Bradley noted that this outline was half the length of the
outline in the 2010 plan, which was an improvement. He also noted that discussion of
“Planning Regions” should be relocated from the Introduction section to the Funding section.
Facilitator Kolb gave an explanation regarding an intention to deemphasize the “Planning
Regions” from the next plan because they haven’t had any functional use over the last ten
years. Discussion ensued among Board members about how to ensure that adequate resources
are applied to all areas of the watershed district. Manager Waller voiced concern that the
upper part of the watershed district will continue to not have enough resources provided to it.
He preferred that funding be tied to the geographic areas of the District from which the funding
came. He acknowledged that there seems to be a difference between his opinion on the
matter and the rest of the Board. Manager Haake proposed that the RCWD manage and fund
itself as one watershed.

Manager Bradley questioned labeling the priority “Tiers” on the plan outline without providing
definitions for what the Tiers means. Consultant Olm explained that the information will be
contained within Section 3.2.1.

Manager Bradley explained that the 2010 plan required a reader to constantly move back and
forth throughout the plan to connect issues, goals and policies. He felt it would be best to
incorporate the issues, goals and policies all within a single section in this plan, organized
accordingly. Manager Waller agreed with this change, and the rest of the Board and WMP
team concurred.

Facilitator Kolb noted that there should be a section 5.2.3 specifically discussing how the
District’s Rules and regulatory program further the District’s goals and policies. Manager Waller
added that the evaluation process for the District Rules should be included in the plan as well.
Review draft Land & Water Inventory maps.
The WMP Team and Board reviewed the draft Land & Water Inventory maps. Some minor revisions were suggested and will be incorporated into future versions.

Review proposed input process for general public.
Water Resource Specialist Axtell outlined the proposed public outreach program, which had been previously reviewed during the August 2, 2018 City/County Partner Meeting. Manager Haake expressed concern about the format of the open house proposed by RCWD staff. She indicated she would prefer a formal presentation as opposed to a round-robin where attendees visit different stations with information about the plan’s issues, goals, policies, etc.

The workshop was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.