The Board convened workshop at 2:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Manager Barbara Haake (with prior notice).

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Office Manager Theresa Stasica; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Education, Outreach and Communication Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp (portion of meeting); Chris Otterness and Larry Kramka (portion of meeting);— Houston Engineering (HEI); District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith Partners;— Houston Engineering (portion of meeting),—

Administrator Belfiori requested the addition of Pulte Homes petition for realignment following the 2:20 agenda item and moving the Presentation on lake cores study and related RCWD work to the end of the agenda-time permitting.

Discussion on proposed maintenance of Washington Judicial Ditch 2 upstream of Rice Lake weir.

Manager Waller recused himself due to the subject matter.

District staff and consultants briefed the Board on their pre-application meeting with the DNR a week and a half ago regarding the need to maintain the channel so the weir is the sole hydraulic control for Rice Lake. They reviewed with the Board Houston Engineering's technical memo which contained three alternatives for maintaining the open channel. District Drainage Attorney Kolb informed the Board that the DNR was most agreeable to the option of using both mechanical excavation and herbicide application and would be willing to share the cost of the herbicide application through a MOA. The Board discussed the need for early landowner contact to discuss access to the channel. Manager Bradley pointed out that the draft resolution recommends the combination of mechanical and herbicide application actions to maintain the channel to open water but the actual technical memorandum does not state this. He recommended that the draft resolution be amended to state that the memorandum recommends alternative #2. The board reached consensus that the District Drainage Attorney Kolb should revise the proposed resolution for the Board's consideration at the April 8th meeting.

Discussion on draft repair reports for Anoka County Ditch 31 and 46.

Manager Waller rejoined the workshop.

District Engineer Otterness gave a presentation on the draft repair report findings for ACD 31 and 46 and summarized each repair alternative for the ditch systems. He informed the Board that their next steps were to come to a consensus on the repair alternative, have HEI finalize the repair reports, and then bring them back...
to the Board for acceptance. That will close out HEI’s task order. Next step would then be for the board to
discuss the cost allocations and then hold a public information meeting to present the recommended repair
alternative and cost allocation. After that there would be a public hearing and then the Board could order the
project. The Board by consensus agreed to alternative #2 for ACD 31 and alternative #5 for ACD 46.
Administrator Belfiori stated that given the Board consensus, the cost allocation for these project alternatives
will be on a future workshop agenda for discussion.

**Pulte Homes petition for realignment.**
District Drainage Attorney Kolb reviewed with the Board the resolution and action items that will be considered
at the April 8th Board meeting.

**Update on drainage legislation.**
District Drainage Attorney Kolb reviewed with the Board the draft drainage legislation being proposed. At
this time the Drainage Workshop Group has not reviewed it and there is little impact on the watershed
districts.

**Update on Blue Thumb program process.**
Administrator Belfiori reviewed Resolution No. 2015-14 with the Board because it was emailed the Thursday
evening before and noted additional items in the packet including a staff memo, the March 30th letter from
Metro Blooms, the District’s response to Metro Blooms’ letter, and a draft transition plan. Education, Outreach
and Communication Coordinator Bromelkamp provided background information about the Blue Thumb
program and outlined work completed to date with Metro Blooms. Ms. Bromelkamp also highlighted recent
concerns expressed by Blue Thumb partners. Staff recommends that these concerns be addressed before a
transfer of the trademark and logo occurs. The Board by consensus agreed that these concerns need to be
addressed before the transfer can be completed and that a resolution should be provided at the 4/8 Board
meeting for Board review and action.

**Discussion on 2016 budget process.**
Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board the proposed 2016 budget development timeline.

**Update/follow-up on Rice Creek Chain of Lakes storage discussion.**
District Engineer Otterness reviewed with the Board a cost estimate and timeline for the chain of lakes future
conditions modeling upstream of Peltier Lake. The Board by consensus requested that Houston Engineering
develop a task order for the Board’s May workshop for review.

**Lino Lakes fire station permit application.**
Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik notified the Board that the District has received a permit
application for a fire station; building itself but not the associated construction for the access roads, wetland
impacts. The building itself does not impact wetlands but the access road does. The roads are necessary for the
functionality of the fire station and the District requires applicants to address their entire projects against the
content of the rules. He just wanted the Board to be aware that because of time restraints for the fire station to
be in place and functioning, the city hasn’t followed the correct procedure for the overall rules and Wetland
Conservation Act (WCA) and the District CWPMP. It will be noted in the engineer’s report/review that the
responsibility for WCA and CWPMP rule compliance remains with the City of Lino Lakes and the intervening fire
station will not be considered in WCA/CWPMP sequencing and wetland management corridor administration for the future potential road impacts.

Update on scheduled Washington Judicial Ditches 5, 6 and 7 landowner information meeting.
Administrator Belfiori confirmed with the Board the scheduled landowner information meeting for 7 p.m. at the Forest Lake City Center community room of April 27th.

Discussion on scheduling a Hansen Park Project tour for Board.
Administrator Belfiori discussed with the Board scheduling of a tour. The Board agreed to schedule the tour after a June Board meeting.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.