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

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

Absent:
Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Ditch Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Education/Outreach/Communications Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp (portion of meeting); Technician Samantha Berger (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineers Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness-Houston Engineering (HEI); Erin Heydinger-WSB & Associates (portion of meeting).

President Preiner asked if anyone had additional workshop agenda items for today’s meeting and suggested to add one item which was to discuss the Perry Wagamon letter. The other Board members agreed to add it to the agenda.

Discussion on April 19th city/county partner meeting and next steps.
District staff reviewed with the Board feedback from partners regarding the meeting and information presented. Staff informed the Board that attendees felt the meeting was very informative and mostly supported the proposed initiatives and looked forward to further discussions/clarifications. After further discussion on proposed rule amendments the Board by consensus agreed to move forward on the following rule revisions/proposed program changes/District policies and where relevant incorporate it into the District SONAR letter for further discussion/comments/meetings with District partners.

Rate control: The board reached consensus that HEI will return to a future board workshop to identify results of their further study of the current rate control rule below Baldwin Lake and estimated cost effectiveness/flood control benefits. The Board requested an additional board discussion on the results of this HEI study before the final proposed rule revision is considered by the Board.

The Board also agree by consensus to incorporate into the content of RCWD Watershed plan minor amendment by requiring a table of future inter-community flows/problem area identification in the upcoming local water plan updates with emphasis on connecting, at a planning level, the future inter-community flows/problem area identification with a robust CIP list for cities.
Public Linear Reconstruction: Board consensus to continue with this proposed rule revision. Board consensus to also investigate the existing RCWD grant programs to determine if program modifications are necessary to help cities implement more cost-effective BMPs for Public Linear Road reconstruction projects.

Water Reuse for Irrigation, Financial Incentives: Board Consensus to continue to move forward with this proposed change to the Urban SW Remediation Cost-Share Grant program to fund financial incentives for groundwater benefits related to water reuse irrigation projects. Specific details on this change will be discussed and considered by the board as part of the 2017 USWR cost share program guidelines.

Water Reuse for Irrigation, Awarding Credits: Board consensus on irrigation depth of 0.5-inches per week as maximum credit once the project is deemed complete and operational (and pending District approval of appropriate project design elements). There would be an option to monitor for more credit.

Staff reviewed the sign up sheet (7 cities per slot) for meetings with cities to discuss their Local Water Plan (LWP) process. Staff noted that they have communicated the offer to all cities and will contact cities who have not sign-up to get them scheduled. These meetings are to provide cities with additional information/resources in writing their LWP update. The District will also create a special page on our website to house this information.

**Continued discussion on long-range Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.**

Administrator Belfiori reviewed and discussed the two "current funding approach" tables and one "accelerated" long-range CIP projects planning tables. Upon further discussion, the Board reached consensus that if generally preferred "current funding approach" table #2 given that it more closely identified more funding for the sediment basin maintenance program and somewhat of an increase in the maintenance for District Facilities program while keeping the long term funding roughly flat for stormwater reuse and District-initiated water quality type projects. The Board agreed by consensus with the general vision of a "shift" toward providing additional funding toward partnership-based projects and a gradual reduction in District-only facilitated /water quality projects particularly after the new WMP is approved in 2020.

The Board also agreed by consensus to include both AWJD 2 Branch 2 and AWJD 2 Branch 1 into the same proposed construction year of 2019 given similar project construction characteristics and for project mobilization. Again these anticipated future CIP project years will be revisited by the Board annually.

**Discussion on Halls Marsh Outlet.**

District Engineer Otterness and Drainage Inspector Schmidt discussed the current condition of the outlet and their recommendation for next steps. Staff and The Board discussed the options and timing for possible work on the structure. The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with a staff meeting with the affected landowners and City of Mahtomedi staff and then, as appropriate, continue with the process of investigation into condition of structure and the possible construction work to address the structure.
Perry Wagamon letter.
The District Board members, staff and consultants reviewed and discussed the contents of the letter. They also discussed the various work that had been done on the ACD 10-22-32 system. The Board by consensus asked that Attorney Kolb begin a process to communicate with NNG regarding the pipeline crossing at the public ditch in this area.

Discussion on proposed Metropolitan Council stormwater grant applications.
Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that they had received 4 city applications and enjoyed working with the cities on this grant application process. He informed the Board that each application had a form letter that identified that if the grant was awarded that the city will enter into a MOU with the District that will state the City will assume all grant agreement responsibilities and hold the District harmless and indemnify it with respect to all claims, costs and liabilities arising from the grant and the supported project. These applications will be brought to the Board’s meeting on May 11 for approval to transmit to Metropolitan Council.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.