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

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

Absent:

Staff: Interim Administrator Nick Tomczik, Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Project Manager Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness & Joe Lewis– Houston Engineering (HEI) (portion of meeting), Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan via web conferencing system (portion of meeting).

Visitors: Tim Olson City of Forest Lake consultant/Bolton & Menk, Dave Adams Forest Lake Public Works Superintendent, Ryan Johnson City of Roseville Environment Specialist, Jesse Freihammer City of Forest Lake Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director.

Discussion Anoka/Washington Judicial Ditch 4 Stormwater Management Study- Forest Lake Task Order.

Interim Administrator Nick Tomczik informed the Board that staff has been discussing with the City of Forest Lake for the past year partnering to investigate stormwater management drainage area of Anoka/Washington JD4 due to the imminent development interest in this area. The District has partnered with other cities to perform such studies.

Tim Olson City of Forest Lake consultant from Bolton & Menk provided a presentation to the Board which provided study location and land use history, the city’s planned land use changes, need for planning study, defined limits and scale of study, and project scope and anticipated fee.

The Board discussed the area of the study and importance of regional stormwater management. The Board questioned when the study would be completed.

Mr. Olson responded he needed to discuss this with the City, and it may be delayed to 2020. He would inform the District of the outcome.

Interim Administrator Tomczik informed the Board that the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Forest Lake is on the Board’s October 9, 2019 meeting for consideration. He will bring any comments from the City to the meeting for Board consideration.
Manager Waller commented on the JD4 Stormwater Planning map that was included in Bolton & Menk’s proposal. He indicated that the map did not accurately reflect public and private tile. He recommended checking with District staff and consultants on the extents of the public system, and the SWCD office for information on private systems.

**Ramsey County Ditch (RCD) 4 Technical Memo Presentation/Discussion.**

Interim Administrator Nick Tomczik stated Ryan Johnson and Jesse Freihammer from the City of Roseville were present. Interim Administrator Tomczik reminded the Board that they directed the President at their 7/8/19 workshop to sign an HEI task order to complete an evaluation of the feasibility and effectiveness of incorporating stormwater management measure along RCD between CR C and Terrace Drive. This is a presentation of their findings.

District Engineers Joe Lewis and Chris Otterness gave a presentation to the Board outlining their technical memorandum-RCD 4 Water Management Project Feasibility. The engineer first analyzed replacing the open channel with a pipe. The Engineer’s conclusion was that the pipe provides multiple benefits including reduction of maintenance for the District and increases in stable and developable property to the City and landowners and slight drop in flood elevation upstream. The Engineers recommend that the District and City proceed with the next phase, phase 3 of project consideration which would include the assigning of project benefit and cost, and development of project timelines.

Jesse Freihammer, City of Roseville, stated the city supports replacing the open ditch with a pipe because it would be less disrupted to the permitting of developments in the area and it is the best long-term solution.

District Engineer Lewis continued his presentation. Houston Engineering looked at stormwater BMPs on the redeveloping parcels. Their conclusion was that due to the substantial cost of constructing storage on these sites, the work provides very little effect downstream and they cannot support the cost benefit.

The Board discussed with staff the next steps and the possible ditch transfer and process. Staff will bring back to the Board a task order to conduct Phase 3- assigning project benefit and cost and development of project matrix for the Board to review.

**RCD 4 Easement/Indemnification (RCWD 19-082) Update/Discussion.**

Interim Administrator Nick Tomczik stated this document is a CAPROC item for permit 19-082. The document envisions both the open ditch and a piped ditch. This item will be required with the CAPROC approval of RCWD 19-082 on the October 9, 2019 agenda.

**RCD 2, 3 & 5 Phase 2 Presentation Update.**

District Engineer Joe Lewis provided a presentation to the Board on Phase 2 of RCD 2, 3, & 5. This project addresses the RCD 2/3/5 Watershed Basic Water Management Project 2013-01 petition by New Brighton, St. Anthony Village, and Roseville. District Engineer Lewis reviewed the city agreed upon potential project locations with the addition of upper Hansen Park and
Langton Lake Outlet. He reviewed with the Board what the design criteria used to evaluate the effectiveness of proposed projects in achieving flood damage reductions goals. District Engineer Lewis stated multiple proposed projects were grouped together based on location and ability to logically complement each other. Four project suites were formed: Jones Lake Project Suite, South Hansen Suite, Upper Watershed Storage Suite, and All Projects Suite. The District Engineers reviewed with the Board the project effectiveness, water quality modeling results and estimated project costs. The Board by consensus directed staff to present and discuss with the cities the presented Phase 2-Comprehensive Stormwater Management and Flood Damage Reduction Plan.

Washington Judicial Ditch 5 Maintenance Investigation Update.

Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt updated the Board on his findings. The original outlet headwall was located. The system requires more work than just minor maintenance. The Board directed staff to meet with the landowners and DNR to discuss what steps can be taken. Staff will report back their findings.

Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Morell Petition Update.

Interim Administrator Nick Tomczik stated the District received a letter from Mr. Morell’s attorney on September 24, 2019, requesting the Board continue to keep its consideration of Mr. Morell’s petition to allow Mr. Morell and his consultants additional time to evaluate alternative theories of damage and pursue certain determinations under the Wetland Conservation Act.

Interim Administrator Tomczik read Drainage Attorney Kolb’s statement to the Board because he needed to leave for another meeting. “For Branch 1, ACD 10-22-32 and Morell, I do not believe Morell has provided justification to delay the petition proceedings. RCWD action on the petition to repair will not impair Morell’s ability to pursue WCA determinations related to development of his property.”

The Board by consensus would like to move forward with the petition and directed staff to have Drainage Attorney Kolb draft a letter to Mr. Morell and bring the item to the next Board meeting to set a public hearing.

2020 Stormwater Management Grant Program.

Project Manager Kyle Axtell reviewed with the Board the 2020 Stormwater Management Grant Program (formerly Urban Stormwater Remediation Program) proposed timeline and grant program documents with minor changes. The District’s 2020 budget for this program is $300,000 with the addition of the remaining Watershed Based Funding Pilot Project totaling $20,790 which is only available to Ramsey County. This item will be on the Board’s October 23rd meeting for final approval of grant documents for Request for Proposal distribution.

Update: JD3 Landowner repair meeting.

Interim Administrator Nick Tomczik reminded the Board of the landowner meeting on October 8th. Staff will provide landowner contact cards for residents to fill out for staff/engineer property visits.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.