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

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

Absent: Steve Wagamon, with prior notice.

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineer Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness -Houston Engineering (HEI); District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith Partners; Mark Lenz-Bearence Management Group (portion of meeting); Erin Heydringer-WSB and Associates (portion of the meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested the following addition:

Follow-up discussion on liability coverage waiver form- Mark Lenz, Bearence Group.

Mark Lenz, Bearence Management Group, broker for League of MN Cities Trust and RCWD explained the options of waiving liability coverage or not. Mr. Lenz explained that not waiving is the statutory limits on municipal tort liability. The LMCIT provides higher coverage to those entities that would like additional coverage. The additional cost would be 3.5% higher on the general liability premium. For the District between $400-500 annually. The District by majority consensus agreed to consider and take action on this item at their 11/10/15 Board Meeting.

Update on proposed Hugo Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (CSMP).

District Administrator Belfiori distributed a draft response to the City of Hugo’s submittal of CSMP information. He noted that the District expressed support for the City’s plan to implement storm water reuse projects.

Staff and Consultants reviewed the contents of the letter with the Board. The City of Hugo proposes 18 reuse systems and is seeking water quality in advance of future projects. Hugo would like to trade those credits using infiltration districts instead of the District’s current rule of using a Resource Of Concern (ROC). They informed the Board that the CSMP used the watershed management plan lake tier classification to create the ROCs to “do no harm” or improve the result for all lakes. The Board by consensus agreed with the contents of the draft letter and supports staff position.

Erin Heydringer, WSB & Associates, stated the city believes the infiltration districts will give them more flexibility in using credits for future street improvement projects. The city infiltration basins are TMDL areas. The City is concerned with the District rules for monitoring of the reuse systems and the goals that the District has set to be met due to the inconsistency of the weather.

District staff & consultants responded that the monitoring goal was set by the University of MN to recognize inconsistency of weather.
The Board by consensus directed staff to send the draft letter presented today to the city of Hugo, remain with the Districts ROCs, and work with the City's proposed road project on a case by case basis.

**Discuss Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) task order for analyzing wetland mitigation/wetland bank options.**

As a follow-up to the Board direction at the August 2015 workshop, staff / HEI developed the proposed task order to investigate possible options for developing additional District wetland credits/bank given the anticipated high demand. Upon further discussion, Board reached consensus for President Preiner to sign and approve the task order 2015-031. Manager Waller expressed the need to produce a good record, including the terms of the 2 ACD 53-62 settlement, of wetland credits the District has agreed to so future Boards will be aware of this.

**Discuss HEI task order for Washington Judicial Ditch 2 Branch 1 repair memo.**

District Administrator Belfiori stated that based on the Board approved public drainage system maintenance/repair flow chart, the next step related to this system is for the District Engineer to prepare a repair memo. District Engineer Otterness explained the repair memo would not be completed until the spring due to the fact they will need to complete a field review. The Board by consensus directed the Board President to sign HEI task order 2015-34.

District Administrator Belfiori reviewed HEI task order 2015-033, JD2 Br 2 condition review with the Board. The Board by consensus directed the administrator to sign the task order to conduct the initial drone and field review for the condition of the system.

The workshop was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.