The Board convened workshop at 1:01 p.m.

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

Staff: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); District Technician Samantha Berger (portion of meeting).

Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness and Garrett Monson (portion of meeting)-Houston Engineering (HEI); Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (portion of meeting); District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith Partners (portion of meeting).

Visitors: Todd Hubmer (portion of meeting), Corey Boyer (portion of meeting), Barbara Haake via telephone listening only.

Presentation from City of St. Anthony on Mirror Lake Stormwater Quality Improvement Project

City of St. Anthony Engineer Todd Hubmer provided a presentation to the Board on the history of the Mirror Lake flooding problems and the completed Mirror Lake Stormwater Quality Improvement Project which was funded in part by the the District’s BWSR Targeted Watershed Grant and a cooperative agreement between the City of St. Anthony and the District.

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board this project was to help reduce flooding and part of the city’s petition for the RCD 2/3/5 Basic Water Management Project.

Project Manager Axtell informed the Board that this project came in $90,000 under the District’s maximum financial commitment to the project. The project was well managed by the city.

Mr. Hubmer told the Board he looked forward to working with the District on the City’s future Silver Lake Road Flooding project.
Update on MAWD Resolution Language
Attorney Kolb provided additional information on the previously proposed H.F.2687 which would remove ambiguity on public drainage system repair and DNR public waters. The Board provided comments and recommendations on some of the proposed language. Attorney Kolb informed the Board that the language maybe revised due to the new incoming governor and he will continue to work with MAWD and AMC on the proposed legislation.

Discussion on draft Guidelines for 2019 Water Quality Grant Program
Technician Samantha Berger discussed some proposed changes with the Board. These are: Change contract duration, allow contract amendments, and modify cost share application approval process. The Board discussed with staff the importance to review specific practices within each cost-share application. The Board by consensus agreed to the proposed change to contract duration and approval of contract amendment, but the Board would still like to see/review each application. Applications could be listed as a consent agenda item. If a manager has a concern, the manager could pull the item from the agenda and review the application in detail.

Presentation on the Minnesota Municipal Money Market (4M) Fund - Corey Boyer, PMA Financial Network, Inc.
Mr. Corey Boyer reviewed with the Board the 4M Fund. The 4M Fund is a customized cash management program created in 1987 by the League of Minnesota Cities to provide a unique investment alternative to address the daily and long-term investment needs of Minnesota cities and other municipal entities. Mr. Boyer answered questions from the Board. Administrator Belfiori thanked Mr. Boyer for attending the workshop.

Discussion on proposed Revision to RCWD Financial and Accounting Manual
Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that the first proposed revision is being made so the District can invest according to MN State Statues. The second proposed revision originated from our annual audit preparation meeting with Redpath & Company which was also attended by Treasurer Wagamon. This revision is due to a federal grant the district received in 2018 to provide technical assistance with FEMA mapping through the State of MN. This item will be on the Board’s December 12 Board meeting agenda for action/approval.

The workshop was adjourned at 2:51 pm.