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

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

Absent:

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Technician Samantha Berger (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineer Mark Deutschman - Houston Engineering (HEI); District Attorney Louis Smith-Smith Partners (portion of meeting); District Accountant Peggy Moeller, Redpath & Company (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested the following addition: Update on the presentations for ACD 46 & 31 public hearings scheduled for tomorrow, Updates: City of Shoreview playing Board meetings on their cable channel and Administrator Belfiori being asked to be an alternative for the COE Section 404 assumption committee.

Discussion of previous Anoka County Ditch 53-62 lawsuit settlements.

Attorney Louis Smith reviewed a Smith Partners memo dated 2/2/15 titled Treatment of Metro Shooting and Trost Settlements in District Financial Reports with the Board and outlined the conclusions and two possible Board alternative that were outlined in the memo. The Board discussed with District consultants the future obligations of the District under the settlement agreements and that they needed to consider the likelihood of whether District financial obligations are remote or reasonably possible. Development of the property could trigger the District obligation. The Board of Managers may assess the likelihood of development and the nature of any District obligations in such development scenarios; the Board may determine that the triggering of this potential contingent future liability is remote, and therefore not a matter to be disclosed in the annual financial report. If the triggering of the future liability is reasonably possible, it should be noted in the annual financial report. The Board by majority consensus agreed with alternative #1 as listed in the Smith Partners memo and that at this time the obligation is remote, so it will not be necessary to make a note in the financial audit; and further, that the Board will review this matter annually in February.

Update on ACD 46 & 31 public hearings scheduled for tomorrow 12/8/2015.

Administrator Belfiori updated the Board on the content of the presentations that will be given tomorrow. The Board discussed the need to make available at the meeting individual assessments for landowners if requested.

Discussion on analysis and recommendations related to the water quality cost-share program.

District Technician Samantha Berger gave a presentation to the Board comparing the 2015 District cost share program to the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Stewardship Grant program, which uses a performance-based calculator to determine project grant amounts. Staff informed the Board that this was also
presented to the CAC at their last meeting. The Board discussed the need to keep the program simple and to use a targeted approach for cost-share projects using the Districts studies i.e. southwest urban stormwater study, education and outreach, and providing additional funds to projects that provide the most bang for the buck as an example: curb-cut raingardens. President Preiner indicated that she would like the CAC to discuss the possibility of charging $50 for design services, staff indicated that this would be discussed at the next CAC meeting. Manager Waller expressed that he believes the program should focus on regional projects on public property, so the District can ensure proper maintenance, or in older communities where stormwater treatment is lacking and curb and gutter may not be as prevalent. The Board directed staff to incorporate their discussions items into the program guidelines, present the revised cost-share documents to the CAC for their review and recommendations, and bring the final revisions to the Board for review and approval.

**Staff update on Hansen Park project.**

Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell informed the Board that the New Brighton City Council approved the approach to form an agreement with the city to pay them to use the current ball field area for spoil and not rebuild the ball fields. This would fit into the city’s master plan where they would re-build the ballfields at the New Brighton Exchange. Water Resource Specialist Axtell also updated the Board on the permit requirements of the project.

**Updates:**

City of Shoreview airing Board meetings on their cable channel.

Administrator Belfiori explained that Manager Haake contact him requesting the Board consider sending the City of Shoreview a letter requesting the City to reconsider airing the Board’s meeting and continue playing the Districts bi-monthly board meetings on their cable access channel to ensure that Shoreview residents receive the most up-to-date information about the District’s work. The Board by consensus agreed to send a letter to the City.

COE Section 404 assumption. Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that he has been asked by Ray Bohn acting on behalf of the MAWD Board to serve as an alternate to Ron Harnack for this above mentioned committee. The Board by consensus agreed to his appointment.

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