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

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

Absent: Manager Barbara Haake (with prior notice).

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineers Chris Otterness and Drew Kessler (portion of meeting) - Houston Engineering (HEI); Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan; Barbara Haake via telephone (listening only).

Discuss Lower Rice Creek Sediment Assessment.

Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian gave background information on the history and reason for the assessment. Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian and Engineers Drew Kessler and Chris Otterness reviewed the findings of the report with the Board and provided possible management recommendations. Upon further discussion, the Board reached consensus to have HEI develop a draft task order for development of feasibility studies related to the top/highest contributing stream banks and bring back the draft task order for discussion at a future board workshop.

Update/discussion on the Hansen Park Project.

Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell gave an update to the Board on project progress to this point, the draft agreement with the City of New Brighton, upcoming public hearing for the project, and project permitting with DNR and ACOE.

Update/follow-up discussion on Anoka County Ditch (ACD) 31 and ACD 46.

Drainage Attorney Kolb reviewed the draft resolutions and response to comments for ACD 31 and 46 proceedings. Manager Bradley suggested an addition to the ACD 31 resolution under Jim Collar’s comments that the District Engineer has stated that the past experience of the District has shown partial repairs are ineffective. Manager Bradley also made language recommendations for the response to comments tables for both ACD 31 & 46 under the District’s response to ACD 46 DNR’s comments numbers 5, 6, 7 and the same change for DNR’s comments numbers 6, 7, 8 concerning ACD 31. President Preiner informed the Board that Ms. Pogreba approached her after the ACD 46 public hearing regarding her parent’s property (Maurice Boehm’s). She didn’t feel it fair to be paying a special assessment on a property that could never be developed due to the wetlands on the property. President Preiner asked if there was a way to ascertain whether or not there was a benefit from the repair to that particular property. Public Drainage Inspector Schmidt stated that during the AWJD #4 repair, some properties had their assessment reduced based on modifications to the assumed runoff from their property; meaning that there was not as much discharge as was assumed because of holding ponds or other features that limited run off from the property. The changes were not based on the development potential of the property. Drainage Attorney Kolb said that, because of where the Board is in the process, it would be...
more appropriate and fair for the Board to continue with the order and for the landowner to appeal the
assessment as allowed for in the statute.

The Board agreed by consensus to ask staff to incorporate Manager Bradley's comments into the documents for
Board action at their Wednesday January 13 meeting.

**Discuss/brainstorm possible District purchase of drone.**

Drainage Inspector Schmidt presented options for the purchase and use of a Drone for use by District staff in
inspections. Several of the pros and cons were discussed. By consensus, because of legal restrictions, liability
concerns, and cost benefit return, it was decided not to purchase a Drone at this time but to continue using an
outside vendor for this service.

**Discuss proposed MAWD committee assignments.**

Administrator Belfiori reviewed background information provided for COE Section 404 assumption and the
WCA amendments committees. The Board by consensus agreed to allow Administrator Belfiori to serve as an
alternate on behalf of MAWD for these two committees.

Administrator Belfiori reminded the Board that the deadline for Board Members to report for the MN
Campaign Finance is 1/25/16.

**City of Hugo letter.**

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board of a letter received by the City of Hugo regarding the District Urban
Stormwater Remediation grant program. Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that the City of Hugo did
submit a grant application for a TYMCO Regenerative Air Sweeper. Manager Waller informed the Board of a
recent Hugo City Council meeting where they discussed the District grant program.

The workshop was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.