The Board convened workshop at 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: —Board members, Patricia Preiner, Harley Ogata, and Steve Wagamon.

Absent: Barbara Haake and John Waller (with prior notice)

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; District Engineer Mark Deutschman— Houston Engineering (HEI); District Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (portion of meeting), Barbara Haake monitoring the meeting via telephone; Jason Husveth of Critical Connections Ecological Services, Inc.(portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested the following additions to the agenda: overview of statement in 1/8/14 Board meeting packet regarding lack of quorum, discuss of ACD 55 modeling of flow data; discussion on possible dates for public hearing for ACD 72, and discussion on possibly scheduling Anoka-Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 landowner information meeting.

**Update on Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 construction.**

District Engineer Deutschman informed the Board that the majority of the project was complete. They would monitor the section by Robinson’s. The District held a retainage for the contractors for any fixes that needed to be done in the spring.

**Update and discussion on Browns Preserve 2013 Restoration.**

Jason Husveth of Critical Connections Ecological Services, Inc. gave a presentation to the Board regarding the ongoing restoration and the plan of action for the remaining years of the wetland monitoring plan. The Board by consensus directed staff to seek a 3 year contract with Critical Connections Ecological Services, Inc. and also reached consensus that staff should bring an action item to an upcoming board meeting regarding soliciting bids for a vegetative contractor for the remaining years of the wetland bank monitoring.

**Update on Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Construction Plans.**

District Administrator Belfiori updated the Board on recent discussions with DNR and the District’s upcoming meeting with DNR. District Engineer Deutschman informed the Board that they are finishing up the maps indicating the reasonable area on construction for the project. This time they have shown areas on both sides of the ditch—that way the contractor has more options when working on the project. The Board by consensus set the public information meeting for February 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Blaine City Hall.

**Update on St. Anthony/New Brighton Basic Water Project.**

District Administrator Belfiori reviewed the DNR email regarding their proposed /possible project in Hansen Park and identified the possible challenges with permitting a possible project in this area given it is public waters. He also informed the Board that the City of Roseville may be interested in joining the initiative. The next step is a watershed level assessment.
Overview of Rice Lake Impoundment Hearing at Upcoming Board meeting.

Drainage Attorney Kolb reviewed with the Board the statement that he recommended be read at the meeting on January 8, 2014. Since there will not be a quorum for that part of the meeting, the statement in the packet identified that the public hearing would be continued at the Board's February 12, 2014 meeting. District Administrator Belfiori informed that Board that all appropriate parties were notified of the situation.

Discussion regarding Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (CSMP) guidance document and update on interest by municipalities.

District Permit Coordinator Nick Tomczik reviewed with the Board the guidance document and went over the bullet points within it. The Board by consensus agreed to bring the guidance document to the Board meeting on January 8, 2014 for consideration by resolution. The Board also discussed looking at the upcoming anticipated work with the City of Hugo regarding permitting and their plans for water reuse. The Board then discussed the overall approach of water reuse as a big picture idea and if it is practical or desirable. District Administrator Belfiori replied that the Met Council had guidance materials and would put this on a future workshop.

Update on wetland situation in Mahtomedi.

District Permit Coordinator Nick Tomczik informed the Board that the area had been restored and would be seeded in the spring.

Update on Minnesota Association of Watershed District (MAWD) Resolution #6 regarding telecommunication.

District Administrator Belfiori reviewed the resolution with the Board. The resolution states that District's may pursue on their own within their bylaws.

Discussion on changing the workshop start time to 2 p.m.

The Board by consensus agreed to bring this item to the January 8, 2014 agenda and change the District's official calendar to reflect the time change.

Update of Hugo request to review/revise Rice Creek Watershed District-Browns Creek Watershed District boundary.

District Administrator Belfiori and District Engineer Deutschman presented boundary maps and reviewed the parcels in question with the Board. District Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that Washington County agreed to be the petitioner to the Board of Water and Soil Resources if Brown's Creek WD is in agreement. The Board by consensus agreed to pursue the boundary change and for staff to work with Brown's Creek WD and Washington County.

Pursue Additional Analysis of Anoka County Ditch 55.

District Engineer Deutschman stated after further review following that Board's 12/9/13 workshop, he would like to pursue Manager Waller's idea of looking at additional analysis upstream of full development. He is still concerned with erosion and stability of the creek because the creek already has an erosion problem. He stated that as he understands the proposal, that the City of Lino Lakes concept plan may require a variance. The Board by consensus directed the District Engineer to perform the additional analysis.
Anoka County Ditch 72 Notice for Public Hearing
Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that he would like to have a public hearing on ACD 72 Repair Report and tentatively schedule it for February 26, 2014. He stated that he anticipated bring this item for consideration at the January 22, 2014 board meeting.

Anoka-Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 Information Meeting.
Administrator Belfiori discussed with the Board that he would like to begin communication on scheduling the landowner information meeting for Anoka-Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1. He said he would anticipate sending out some possible dates via email in coming weeks.

Discussion regarding personnel subcommittee recommendations.
The members of the personnel subcommittee summarized their recommendations related to the 2013/14 RCWD Salary Structure and related salary adjustments. Upon discussion, the Board reached consensus on the recommendation from the November 22, 2013 Personnel Subcommittee meeting and also reached consensus to move forward with the consideration of the Salary Structure table at the January 8, 2014 Board meeting.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.