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

Attendance: Board members Patricia Preiner, Marcie Weinandt via web conferencing system, and John Waller.

Absent: Steve Wagamon and Mike Bradley (with prior notice)

Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik; Project Manager Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting);
Technician/Inspector Terrence Chastan-Davis, Communications and Outreach Coordinator Beth Carreño (portion of meeting), Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness—Houston Engineering (HEI), Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan via web conferencing system.

Visitors: Mike Bradley (listening only)

Administrator Tomczik requested moving Terrence’s presentation to the last agenda item and the addition of MAWD lobbyist Ray Bohn inquiry.

Review Ramsey County Ditch (RCD) 4 “Phase 3” Technical Memo

Project Manager Axtell reviewed the Phase 3 technical memo with the Board. The memo measures the benefits and cost of a proposed water management project by placing a portion of RCD 4 open ditch into a storm sewer pipe between County Road C and Terrace Drive. Staff discussed with the Board the development of cost/benefit for the proposed project, stakeholder cost benefit percentage and a potential timeline. Staff informed the Board that the estimated benefit of the proposed project is 50% greater than the project cost. The Board by consensus directed staff to review the memo with the City of Roseville and discuss the next steps in the process.

Review/Discuss RCD 2,3,5 Update & “Phase 3” Task Order

Project Manager Axtell reviewed the task order with the Board. The task order would develop a framework for prioritizing the implementation of the recommended projects from Phase 2, categorize the various benefits of each project, and determine how to allocate the projects costs among project partners. The Board by consensus agreed to have the president sign Houston Engineering task order 2020-002 and directed staff to bring the information back to the cities for discussions and next steps.
Review/Discuss Priebe Outlet System Task Order
Administrator Tomczik informed the Board that the City of White Bear Lake had engaged the District regarding maintenance of the Priebe Lake Outlet System. At this time the system is not considered a District Facility. Project Manager Axtell provided background on the system and reviewed the task order with the Board. The task order includes jetting of the system top to bottom and assessment of the condition of the system. Attorney Kolb informed the Board that this system was constructed by a special assessment and the repair should follow the original process. The Board by consensus agreed to have the president sign Houston Engineering task order 2020-001.

Administrator Tomczik also mentioned two additional task orders; one for CWPMP annual reporting 2019 and another for 2020 Permit Program Audit of the two cities that assumed regulatory authority for the president to sign. Staff noted that staff will make sure to share the findings of the 2020 audits with the Board and Cities, it seems unclear if past audits were. The Board commented that they supported that idea to review if the system is working or what can be improved.

MAWD Lobbyist Ray Bohn inquiry
Administrator Tomczik informed the Board that Mr. Bohn had contacted him regarding the Board’s position on potential DNR legislation. Mr. Bohn was finding a decreasing opportunity for legislation; that the DNR’s new procedures have been a positive step. Attorney Kolb believed the relationship is improving but the District should continue to watch. The Board discussed with staff that their relationship/communications have improved and that the District should continue to monitor it.

2020 Stormwater Management Grants
Project Manager Axtell reviewed with the Board the eight applications received and the recommendations of the Citizen Advisory Committee and staff. There will be a public hearing at the February 26, 2020 meeting and staff will present their funding recommendation to the Board for action.

Review/Discuss Annual Treatment of Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Lawsuit Settlements in District Financial Reports
Administrator Tomczik stated per the Board’s 2015 direction this matter is reviewed annually in February. Administrator Tomczik informed the Board that Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Patrick Hughes and District Engineer Chris Otterness have confirmed that there is no change in the facts or circumstances relevant to this issue. It was noted there has been development in the area. The Board indicated a consensus of no change from the statement made for last year’s financial report and to bring the item to the February 12, 2020 Board meeting for action.

Resource Requests from Landowners, Homeowner Associations & Others
Administrator Tomczik informed the Board of recent requests from landowners for dredging or like work to address their concerns. Staff noted Watershed Management Plan priorities and
requested Board’s policy direction to provide a consistent response to this type of request. The Board and staff discussed the use of a flowchart as the District currently uses for drainage system responses. The Board by consensus directed development of a flowchart or similar to respond landowner request regarding landowner requests.

Administrator Tomczik also informed the Board that staff has been improving communication on maintenance of stormwater management BMPs with landowners and HOAs. Staff would like to apply for a Green Corp member to assist in developing a framework and process to respond to these requests and produce resource materials. The Board by consensus agreed to proceed with applying for a Green Corp member.

**RCWD Technician/Inspector Terrence Chastan-Davis Presentation**

Technician/Inspector Terrence Chastan-Davis gave a presentation to the board on his job-related background, his regulatory role at the District including inspections, work challenges and future job goals.

The Board thanked Terrence for his informative presentation.

The workshop was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.