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

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

Absent: Manager Steve Wagamon.

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Office Manager Theresa Stasica; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt; Regulatory Assistant Patrick Hughes (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); District Technician Samantha Kreibich (portion of meeting); District Engineer Mark Deutschman and Larry Kramka (portion of meeting); – Houston Engineering (HEI); District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith Partners; (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested the addition of Browns Preserve MBI update following 2:00 item and at the end of agenda Pulte Homes reroute, Suite 603 expansion build-out, city regulatory responsibility.

Follow-up discussion on proposed buffer framework.

District Engineer Larry Kramka briefed the Board on the draft buffer legislation which will be heard at the House Natural Resource and Environment committee tomorrow. The legislation directs the commissioner of natural resources to inventory, update, and keep a map where 50 foot buffer applies. The initial map will be sent out to local government units for comments. At this time the legislation has no appeals process. Soil and water conservation districts will implement this program. Funding for the program will be provided by the DNR and Board of Water and Soil Resources. Inventoried, MS4 permitted waters, public water systems, Lakes and recreational boat ramps will be exempt. Because RCWD is a MS4 permit holder, the public ditches of the district would be exempt under this law if it holds in the current form.

Browns Preserve MBI update.

Administrator Belfiori provided the Board with the Browns Preserve MBI (mitigation banking instrument) and requested bringing the document to the upcoming Board meeting on Wednesday for their authorization to direct the Board President to sign and submit the MBI to the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE). The ACOE will then distribute the MBI to the internal review team (IRT) for their review and approval. This will start a 45 day comment period. District Engineer Kramka will keep in contact with the IRT to help in the review. The Board agreed by consensus to add this item on to its Wednesday, March 11 th agenda for action.

Discussion on proposed Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 culvert.

The Board discussed with staff and consultants as to what direction to proceed regarding the installation of the culvert. By consensus, the Board agreed that staff should apply for a DNR permit for installation of a culvert at elevation 0.1 feet higher than existing 18 inches. The Board also agreed by consensus that Staff/consultants will bring DNR’s response back to the Board to determine if future action maybe required such as an appeal of the decision /conditions and or request ordinary high water (OHW) determination.
Discussion on Rice Creek Chain of Lakes storage.
District Engineer Deutschman discussed with the Board the District’s current rules and the importance of the Chain of Lakes storage and proposed projects that will impact the storage and flooding. He discussed his perspective on the term “adverse impacts”, which includes flood damages, erosion and water quality. Upon further discussion the Board did not have initial concerns with the overall approach discussed by the District Engineer. At this time it is anticipated that the City of Lino Lakes is proposing a new outlet to Peltier Lake that may have the potential to impact the storage use in the chain of lakes. District Engineer Deutschman discussed various policy issues with the Board, including the possibility of modeling this area to reflect full future land use plans. He stated that it would take roughly a year to complete a model of this magnitude. The Board also discussed the importance of volume control techniques upstream of the chain of lakes.

Discussion on cost share pollutant crediting related to the water quality cost share program.
Moved item to Wednesday's Board meeting due to time constraints.

Update on fourth quarter 2014 budget summary table.
Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board the year end budget table. Manager Waller questioned that the general fund expenses was over the $250,000 limit provided by MN Statutes Section 103D.905 Subd 3. District Council and Manager Haake replied that the rule did not apply to metro watershed districts.

Discussion /update on Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) legislative reception/breakfast.
Administrator Belfiori provided packets to the Board for distribution to legislators that will be present at the reception/breakfast.

Discussion on permit fee return.
Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board the packet memo on past return of permit fees. The Board discussed past returns and by consensus agreed that each request should be brought to the Board and determined.

Discussion on RCWD draft comment letter on the DNR’s GWMA Draft Plan.
Administrator Belfiori reviewed the draft letter with the Board. Manager Waller asked for the following additions: Washington County Water Consortium participation, preserve the storage capacity of the St. Paul Water supply system in the Anoka County Chain of Lakes use, and to provide the Districts designated groundwater recharge map.

Discussion on draft vehicle/equipment use and safety policy.
Administrator Belfiori briefly reviewed the policy with the Board.

Update on Metropolitan Council Workshop on Aquifer Recharge in the North and East Metro.
Moved item off agenda due to time constraints.

Discussion on Pulte Homes Proposed Ditch reroute
Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board the petition and proposed reroute for ACD 53-62 that will be on the Board’s 3/11 agenda.
Discussion on Suite 603 expansion build-out
Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board current negotiations with Colliers regarding adjacent suite 603 build-out. Next steps will be to obtain quotes for build out, develop final lease language that will be brought to the Board for consideration. After lease approval, the construction build out will be completed within 90 days.

Discussion on Requirements for a City to Pursue Permitting Authority
District Technician Samantha Kreibich and Water Resource Specialist Axtell reviewed with the Board the requirements necessary for a City to adopt permitting authority, known as a Level 2 City. The City of Circle Pines has recently updated their Local Surface Water Management Plan (LSWMP) with the intent to adopt permitting rule authority for Rules C, D, E, & F. Staff provided comments on the City’s LSWMP in accordance with the District WMP, Chapter 8.3, and MN State Statute 103B.235. Staff wanted to make the Board aware of the specific criteria and guidelines that they used to facilitate their review.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.