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

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting), Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Regulatory Assistant Patrick Hughes (portion of meeting); Communications & Outreach Coordinator Beth Carreño (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness Houston Engineering (HEI), Emmy Baskerville (portion of meeting)-Houston Engineering (HEI), and Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (portion of meeting).

Visitors: Loren Sederstrom, Larry Lanoux, Gabe Smith, Shannon Bryant (all portion of meeting); Sara Noah-Noah and Associates via telephone (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori suggested additions: RCD 2, 3, 5 Historical Review Public Hearing Location and Date, Update on BWSR Watershed Based Funding. The Board agreed to the additions.

Discussion on request for a RCWD Resolution regarding 3M Settlement.

Administrator Belfiori explained the Board directed staff to put this on today’s workshop agenda per Mr. Lanoux request to the Board. Within the workshop packet is a letter and documents from City of Grant Council Member Lanoux requesting the Board approve a resolution seeking funding from the 3M settlement for agency PFC testing of Bellaire Sanitation Superfund Site in Grant Township. Per the request of two managers, a map from the PCA website is also in the packet showing the location of the 3M PFC disposal sites in Washington County. There are four disposal sites and none of them are located in the RCWD. Administrator Belfiori informed the Board, per the Board members request, that he had spoken to Mr. Gary Krueger, Supervisor for MPCA Superfund/Brownfield Program, on the phone and at the 5/4 NE Groundwater Advisory Committee meeting regarding the Bellaire Sanitation site in Grant. Mr. Kruegers 3 pts to him were: 1) the PCA has no record of disposal of PFC waste by 3M at Bellaire, 2) the Mahtomedi School Project has gone through the MPCA
Brownfield review program and the MPCA has approved their cleanup plans and 3) the Bellaire site is outside of the area of the settlement currently in place with 3M.

Mr. Loren Sederstrom, Larry Lanoux, Gabe Smith, Shannon Bryant provided comments to the Board regarding the Bellaire landfill site and their belief that the landfills protective seal has been broken. Mr. Lanoux provided a handout to the Board.

The Board discussed what the District’s role is per their watershed management plan. The Board directed staff to investigate the process/cost of testing the water of Lake Washington and Lost Lake for PFC’s.

Discussion/Update on Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, 5 Basic Water Management Project.
Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that District staff had met with staff from the cities of New Brighton, Roseville, and St. Anthony to give them a brief update on the project. Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell distributed talking points to the Board for the upcoming City Council presentations regarding Phase 2 of the RCD 2, 3, 5 Basic Water Management Projects. Staff explained that at an upcoming Board meeting the Board will be considering a task order with HEI for providing a feasibility study for the approximately 18 potential projects identified. The feasibility study for each project will include balance of storage vs. conveyance, regulatory & financial considerations for each project, and scenarios assessing how projects would function collectively. Water Resource Specialist Axtell explained that staff was recommending a 20% contingency to address new projects identified through input from Cities of New Brighton, Roseville, and St. Anthony. He reiterated that Phase 2 will not determine project implementation priorities or financial obligations.

Update on Rice Lake Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DNR.
Administrator Belfiori reviewed the proposed MOA with the Board. The Board members did not have questions or comments related to these proposed board meeting packet materials. This is on the Board’s May 9, 2018 meeting for consideration.

Update on HEI Memo regarding Branch 1 of Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32.
District Attorney Kolb informed the Board that Mr. Morell had presented the District with a technical analysis from his consultant Arndt and Associates regarding his petition. HEI reviewed Mr. Morell’s memo and have reached their conclusions. Staff is recommending requesting a meeting with Mr. Morell and his consultant to discuss this is matter further. If staff is unable to schedule a meeting or come to an agreement with Mr. Morell and his Consultant, staff is recommending moving forward with the process for a public hearing on the repair petition.

Discussion on Feasibility Study related to Wetland Banking.
District Attorney Kolb announced before the beginning of the discussion that two sites which have been reviewed by the engineer as part of this study are owned or are direct family members of two of the Managers. He asked that these managers be mindful of the Board’s Bylaws and conflict of interest policy.
HEI Wetland Specialist Baskerville provided a presentation on the results of their investigation/public solicitation of potential wetland bank sites in the District. She reviewed with the Board a table describing the credits needed, long and short term, per the Board’s proposed Public Drainage CIP plan. She also informed them that due to the refinement of estimating wetland impacts within ditch repair projects, the credit need is not as great as anticipated in 2016. Staff and Board discussed if the need for credits is as great as thought back in 2016 when the Board directed staff to investigate this. The Board by consensus directed staff to continue investigate a wetland bank at the District’s Lamprey Pass site. Staff will do an initial evaluation on the Lamprey Pass site with BWSR and the ACOE.

**Update on recent Permit Administration.**

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that he found Mr. Zick’s comments and document regarding staff at the Board’s April 25th meeting to be untrue. District staff did their due diligence and devoted a lot of their time to the Mahtomedi High School permit applications and the issues surrounding them. Staff issued permit 16-107 when all the applicants CAPROC items were met per the Board’s permit action. Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik updated the Board on the City of Blaine’s water tower site currently in violation from a few years ago and Blaine’s willingness to address an outstanding item under future permit on the site. The City has applied for a new permit to add a road and an additional structure to the water tower area. He feels the City will be willing to provide the District with originally required permanent easement for the wetland management corridor due to a better understanding of the sites long term use. Staff also informed the Board that 2016 permit applicant Max Segler may be present at a future Board meeting’s open mike to request that the Board consider his project’s flood plain mitigation permit requirement. Staff provided general background on the permit application.

**Discussion on Personnel Matters (scheduled per direction of President Preiner).**

President Preiner invited Sara Noah-Noah and Associates via telephone, to explained to the Board the process she used for the Administrator’s salary survey data conducted in 2016. Some of the Managers questioned the use of city manager data for the analysis. Ms. Noah explained the process, data pool and answered the Managers questions. The Board by majority consensus agreed to using the same evaluation form from last year’s performance review and the same seven goals for administrator from the last performance review. The Managers agreed to schedule the performance review following the Board’s June 27th regular meeting. They asked staff to reserve the meeting room behind the Shoreview Council Chambers.

**Discussion on Proposed CIP Long Range Planning.**

Administrator Belfiori introduced this item as the starting point for Board’s 2019 budget discussion. He went over the proposed 2019 budget planning and development schedule. Administrator Belfiori reviewed and discussed the Option 1 & 2 Long-Range CIP Planning 2019-2023 tables. Option #1: More implementation of projects previously discussed CIP project approach and Option #2: Less implementation of projects previously discussed CIP project
approach. The tables are for discussion purposes only and do not recognize any possible outside funding. Staff reviewed the fund balance remaining and stated the 5-year proposed flood control/water quality regional projects could be very expensive. Administrator Belfiori informed the Board the levy amount had been nearly flat for the last 5 years. He identified that for the 2016 budget the Board used the estimated increase in market value as part of the process which culminated in an approved 1.9% tax levy increase. The Board asked Administrator Belfiori what that value was last year, and he replied that the tax impact from 2017 to 18 went down by approximately 7%. Administrator Belfiori reminded the Board that counties did not have this final information until early in the following year, several months too late for budgeting.

Staff and the Board discussed the future potential decline in grants offered from BWSR and the Met Council and how the District could generate revenues for their proposed future projects. The Board also discussed the possibility of expanding Water Management District (WMD) program to projects that are not just public drainage projects. Also, managing a WMD from staff level to the county may outweigh the money collected for small projects.

The Board reached consensus that the Administrator should use the 7% market value increase from last year for the discussion purposes only documentation provided for the June draft 2019 preliminary budget workshop discussion to increase the total levy amount while keeping the levy rate and levy impact the same as last year.

Discussion on draft Rice Creek Commons Feasibility Study.
Administrator Belfiori stated the study was funded through a previously approved intergovernmental agreement between the District, Ramsey County and the City of Arden Hills. This study may be used as a tool to apply for grant applications, it does not commit the District to any future project funding or grant application funding. Any District participation in funding would have to be approved by the Board. Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that at their May 23, 2018 meeting Ramsey County Commissioner Blake Huffman and the project Consultant from Kimley Horn will be giving a presentation to the Board.

Discussion on 5/21 Washington County Meeting draft Posters.
Staff reviewed the draft posters with the Board for the 5/21/18 meeting with the Washington County Commissioners. Manager Waller provided suggestions to the layout of the posters in displaying the locations of the District Projects within the drainage poster. Staff will integrate these suggestions.

RCD 2, 3, 5 Historical Review Public Hearing Location and Date.
Administrator Belfiori requested a change to the public hearing location and date. He suggested 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Shoreview City Council Chambers due to the City of New Brighton’s request. The Board by consensus approved the new time, date, and location of the public hearing as suggested by Administrator Belfiori.

Update on BWSR Watershed Based Funding.
Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that Ramsey Conservation District was investigating using its BWSR watershed based pilot program funding to complete a stormwater reuse assessment for Ramsey County. He noted that he also has had recent conversation with Washington County staff on this potential opportunity.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.