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

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

Absent: None.

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Office Manager Theresa Stasica; Education, Outreach, and Communication Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp (portion of meeting); District Engineers Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness— Houston Engineering (HEI); Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (portion of meeting), Peggy Knapp-Freshwater Society (portion of meeting).

Follow-up discussion on preliminary draft 2016 budget.

Administrator Belfiori reviewed the options requested by the Board at the previous workshop regarding increasing the levy amount without increasing the tax rate on individual parcels. This would result in a predicted 1.9% increase to the overall levy amount. Administrator Belfiori asked for Board consensus on what budget/levy numbers to use for the 8/26/15 public hearing noticing. Upon further discussion on the four follow-up items identified in the workshop packet, the Board reached majority consensus to present the proposed preliminary budget as contained in the workshop packet (with two corrected pages handed out at the meeting) at the 8/26/15 public hearing on the preliminary budget.

Master Water Stewards discussion.

Education, Outreach, and Communication Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp informed the Board that the Freshwater Society developed the Master Water Steward (MWS) Program to train, certify, and support community leaders to help implement Best Management Practices (BMP) that educate community members, reduce pollution, and allow more water to soak into the ground. She introduced Peggy Knapp of the Freshwater Society. Ms. Knapp gave a brief presentation on the Master Water Steward Program. In 2016, the District will work with the Freshwater Society to enlist 4 stewards to do outreach education in the southwest portion of the District where the District has completed a Southwest Urban Lakes Plan. No additional increases in funding (from 2015 levels) will be required by the District to implement this program in 2016.

Follow-up discussion on HEI memo on Anoka County Ditch 31/46 cost allocation.

District Engineer Otterness reviewed the updated cost allocation charts with the Board that evaluated the use of deferred future development charges for lands over 10 acres in size. The Board agreed by majority consensus to meet with the two road authorities (city of Columbus and Anoka County) to discuss the draft cost allocation as was discussed today. After meetings have been conducted with the road authorities, the Board reached
consensus that staff will return to the Board for further direction on setting and scheduling an informational
meeting.

**Update on Browns Preserve possible credits.**
District Engineer Deutschman reviewed the current expected credit returns from the Brown's Preserve Wetland
bank. He also presented a chart showing the credit outlays expected from Brown's, including credits allocated
for completed drainage projects, drainage projects that are planned but not yet built, possible assignment of
some credits to cities, and credits discussed in previous settlement agreements. The engineer recommended,
and the Board by consensus concurred, that the District should as HEI to develop a scope of work to begin
exploring possible future wetland bank sites to meet its current and future needs.

**Discussion on private drainage.**
Drainage Attorney Kolb briefed the Board on the process which staff uses to address private drainage concerns
and delineated the Districts responsibilities and authorities related to private drainage issues. He also presented
the following process tree in addressing landowner drainage complaints:

Base Inquiry:
1) Is there a public drainage system or watershed project that might be affecting the situation?
   If yes, staff investigates to determine whether the system or project is malfunctioning or in
   need of repair
   If no, proceed to step 2
2) Is there an adjacent land use in violation of permit requirements?
   If yes, review for enforcement
   If no, proceed to step 3
3) Does the condition reflect a systemic concern requiring a policy or rule change (Board
   Determination)?
   If yes, initiate revisions
   If no, stop effort

None of the above actions limit landowner reasonable use claims.

The Board agreed by consensus to continue following this process. After the complete of Mr. Kolb's
presentation, staff handed out a letter from the City of Hugo dated August 10, 2015 and discussed the content
of the letter. Upon further discussion the board reach consensus that the above mentioned process should be
followed related to this letter and reached consensus that HEI should investigate that portion of WJD 2 Branch 1.

**Update on buffer initiative.**
Drainage Attorney Kolb briefed the Board on the implications for the District regarding the buffer initiative and
recommended that the District begin preliminary planning to be in a position to fulfil its role by the legislated
time lines.
Update on maintenance work upstream of Rice Lake weir.
District Engineer Deutschman briefed the board on the on-going process of obtaining the necessary permits to complete the maintenance upstream of the weir on Rice Lake.

Update on landowner letters for Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32.
District Engineer Otterness reviewed the form letter that will be sent out to landowners regarding the ACD 10-22-32 deferred payments, and the options which the landowners have for making payment. The Board by consensus agreed to sending these letters out to the landowners included on the table presented in the agenda packet.

Discussion on possible letter to Metropolitan Council for reuse grant.
Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that Manager Waller had contacted him in regards to having this item put on the workshop agenda. Manager Waller believed the $1 million reuse grant funds was too low for the metro area and the District should write a letter in support of increased funding. The Board agreed by consensus to direct Administrator Belfiori to write a letter to Metropolitan Council requesting the need to increase the grant amount and also send a template of the letter to each city in attendance at the Hugo water summit asking if they would also send a letter in support of the increased funding.

Letter to Hugo regarding Lino Lakes pipe installation.
Administrator Belfiori and District Engineer Deutschman reviewed with the Board a draft letter to the City of Hugo outlining the City of Lino Lakes proposed CWMP plan and proposed outlet. The Board by consensus agreed to sending the letter to the City of Hugo.

Discussion on Jones Lake
Project Manager Kyle Axtell presented a map identifying the location of a parcel within/around Jones Lake that is currently being pursued by the City of New Brighton. The city has asked if the District would be interested in participating in funding part of the cost for property acquisition at this time. The Board’s consensus was that the District is not interested in funding property acquisition at this time.

Discussion on workshop start time.
Administrator Belfiori and the Board discussed moving the regular workshop to 1 p.m. The Board by consensus agreed to the 1 p.m. start time and will bring this to the meeting on August 12th for consideration.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.