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; Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); District Engineer Chris Otterness and Greg Bowles (portion of meeting)- Houston Engineering (HEI); Drainage Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (portion of meeting), District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith Partners (portion of meeting), Kevin Walker-representing Park Plaza Cooperative (portion of meeting), Bonnie and Pat S.-Park Plaza Cooperative residents (portion of meeting).

Administrator Belfiori requested the following additions to the agenda: Change Discussion of ACD 53/62 Branch 2 HEI Task Order item to as time permits, 2:45 Discussion of Park Plaza permit in Fridley, and 3:30 Discussion of information received from City of Lino Lakes regarding proposed outlet Update on landowner letters for Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32.

Manager Wagamon recused himself from the discussion.

Administrator Belfiori informed the Board this is regarding the letter the Board by consensus approved sending out to landowners with remaining balance of the ACD 10-22-32 special assessment. The Board capped the special assessment charges at a maximum of $1,500 per year for a given landowner, with any unpaid balance of the charge to be subject to simple interest at an amount of 3% per year until the charge is paid in full. Mr. Perry Wagamon was one of the landowners. Administrator Belfiori had contacted Mr. Perry Wagamon and invited him to the workshop. Perry Wagamon lives at: 13640 Zodiac St NE, Columbus, MN 55014. Manager Wagamon relayed the message that Mr. Perry Wagamon didn't feel he had anything new to say about his frustration with the ditch on his property and the function of it and that is why he chose not to attend. Mr. Kolb reminded the Board that the assessed charge on benefitted parties of the drainage area was for the repair of the whole system. District Engineer Otterness replied that the modeling showed an increase in capacity throughout the ditch as a result of the repair. The model does not account for on-going future maintenance (beaver dams, obstructions, etc.). The managers reviewed the response letter that was drafted by Drainage Attorney Kolb. The Board, by consensus, directed staff to remove the first sentence in the fourth paragraph and add language that the District is aware of his beaver dam problems and will work with him to address those issues. The Board by consensus requested Drainage Attorney Kolb review the revised letter and then mail it to Mr. Perry Wagamon.

The Board by majority consensus also directed Administrator Belfiori to schedule an on-site meeting to view the property and concerns.
Manager Wagamon re-joined the meeting.

**Update on letter from the City of Hugo regarding Washington Judicial Ditch 2 Branch 1.**

Drainage Attorney Kolb informed the Board that the District had received a letter from the City of Hugo advising the District that residents have indicated that a drainage problem exists in an area on the southwest side of Rice Lake. District Staff used the approved process to address private drainage concerns related to the City of Hugo’s request regarding landowner drainage complaints. The District first did an office review to see whether a public drainage system may be a contributing factor. Since the answer was yes, the District decided to investigate further.

District Engineer Otterness stated the District followed up with a field inspection. The District hired a company to perform an aerial fly over with a drone which provided still photos and a video of the flight. He referred to the appendix of the HEI technical memo dated 9/4/2015 which was distributed at the workshop to show the ditch location, photo #’s that related to the location of drone taken pictures, and GGG survey sheet of JD2 Branch 1 official profile. District Engineer Otterness reviewed the video of the public ditch system with the Board which showed several obstructions of the public system.

The Board by consensus directed the District Engineer to bring to the Board a task order to prepare a repair memo for Board consideration.

**Discussion on cost allocation for Anoka County Ditch (ACD) 31/46.**

District Engineer Otterness informed the Board that they had met with the Anoka County Highway Dept. and the City of Columbus to discuss the cost allocations. They were very appreciative of the meetings and were very informative. The District discovered some of the culverts were already replaced and could be removed from our plans. District Engineer Otterness reviewed the revised cost allocation tables within his powerpoint presentation with the Board and requested a clarification on allocating a county park and Carlos Avery. The Board consensus agreed to allocate the cost for county parks and Carlos Avery to ad valorem funding. The Board by consensus also agreed to use the cost allocation information within slides 3-6 of the presentation to be presented to landowners at the public information meeting. They also directed staff to schedule on the same night, landowner information meetings for ACD 31 & 46 at the City of Columbus to share cost & repair options with landowners.

**Park Plaza Cooperative Street & Utility Improvements permit application 15-066, Fridley.**

District Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that this permit is for a private watermain replacement, sanitary sewer lining and storm sewer improvements and impervious reconstruction in a manufactured home co-op. Staff also provided a brief presentation on the permitting history of this project.

Kevin Walker, Park Plaza Cooperative representative, informed the Board of the urgency of this project and the loss of revenue to the Cooperative with the project delay.

District staff informed the Board at this time the permit application is incomplete as the applicant has not demonstrated the project will be in compliance with District stormwater rules. This is due to the fact that the neighboring basin that the applicant, with the concurrence of the basin owner, was going to utilize as an infiltration feature to meet the District rules is in the Emergency Response Zone of the City of Fridley’s wellhead protection plan. Per Minnesota Department of Health guidelines, infiltration may not be advised in these areas and pursuant to practice, the District seeks the direction of the Wellhead Protection Manager (City of Fridley) on the compatibility of the proposed infiltration with the City’s wellhead protection plan and the acceptability
of infiltration in this basin. To date, the City is still considering the matter and the applicant has not provided an alternative plan to meet the District's stormwater treatment rule. District Attorney Holtman advised that the applicant could also apply for a variance if it were unable to obtain the City's position on the matter, or if use of the basin is not authorized and there are not other feasible methods for the applicant to meet the rule standards. He noted that given the applicant's urgency, it may wish its engineer to prepare the alternative compliance assessment in advance of hearing from the City, in the event infiltration in the basin is not authorized.

Pat S., Cooperative vice-president, spoke to the urgency of the project and that the City of Fridley is ready to issue the permit for the watermain work.

The Board advised the applicant to continue its communications with the City on the urgency of this project and the need for a response from the City.

The Board by consensus directed District Administrator Belfiori to contact the City of Fridley's administrator to inquire about the timing a response from the wellhead administrator or to discuss setting up a special workshop meeting for the Board and the Fridley City Council as soon as the Council can convene, to try and resolve the problem.

**Discussion of information received from City of Lino Lakes regarding proposed outlet.**

District Administrator Belfiori provided the Board with an email sent on 9/11/15 from Mike Grochala, Lino Lakes, which listed items the City would like the Board to consider for a resolution indicating a nonbinding affirmation of the status and remaining steps for review and approval of the proposed Lino Lakes outlet to Peltier Lake, including a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan. Staff and District Counsel reviewed each item with the Board and provided context of the items. The Board by consensus directed staff and District Counsel to prepare a draft resolution for consideration at the Board's next meeting.

**ACD 53/62 Branch 2 HEI Task Order.**

Drainage Engineer Otterness reviewed the task order with the Board. He discussed with the Board using a drone for the review of the system and test pits to verify the as-constructed and subsequently improved condition of ACD 53-62 branch 2. HEI will then prepare a repair memorandum for the District. Upon further discussion, the Board reached consensus that the task order will be brought to the next Board meeting for consideration.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.