

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

JUNE 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Haas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Voting members present were: Mark Kuzma, Ramsey; Elizabeth Barnett, Anoka; and Todd Haas, Andover.

Voting members absent were: None.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Brenda Smith, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Ramsey City Engineer Bruce Westby, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Anoka Alternate Jeff Weaver, and Steve Leighton of Anoka Conservation District.

APPROVE AGENDA

Haas requested to add an item to the agenda as G3, Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Change of Land Use in Andover.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Barnett, to approve the June 21, 2018 agenda as amended. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Barnett, to approve the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2018. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$260,130.65; less permit account balance of (\$55,729.58), for a total balance of \$204,401.07.

Haas expressed thanks to Pam for her assistance over the years and congratulated her on her pending retirement.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Barnett, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Smith presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$607.33 (services rendered in May of 2018) and Barr Engineering in the amount of \$4,146.68 (services rendered in Mar/May of 2018).

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Barnett, to authorize payment as presented and indicated above. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2018-06 ~ COR Infiltration Basin ~ City of Ramsey

Linton explained the LRRWMO permit noting that the City of Ramsey is not requesting approval at this time. He provided background information on the municipal well area and the ten-year capture zones where infiltration is not allowed, the Drinking Waters Supply Protection Area (DWSPA). He explained that the development that has occurred within that area has paid into an infiltration mitigation fund. He stated that the City is in the processing of developing the COR infiltration basin, which will provide the necessary infiltration for the development within the COR that is within the DWSPA. He stated that one applicant was concerned and referenced the June 20, 2018 memorandum from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering stated that condition #6 of Permit #2018-02 will be satisfied.

Weaver asked and received clarification on the location of the COR infiltration basin and received confirmation that the City of Ramsey will forgo development in that area and instead develop an infiltration basin in that area. He asked why a dry basin would be used rather than a wet pond.

Linton explained that the infiltration rules specify that the water going in must be dry within 48 hours, and therefore a pond would not be an option to meet that requirement. He noted that vegetation would be used that can tolerate wet and dry conditions.

Weaver asked about the size. Linton replied that the basin will be approximately five acres in size. He stated that the basin will have additional capacity to support future development within the COR that does not have sufficient space for infiltration.

Weaver asked for details on the infrastructure that would be used to get water from the undeveloped areas to the basin.

Linton explained that the COR was developed with regional ponding in mind, identifying the locations of the ponds. He noted that the infrastructure is already in place to support the development in the COR. He asked the Board to take action as described in the June 20, 2018 memorandum from Barr Engineering, modifying the conditions for Permit #2018-02.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Barnett, to modify the conditions for Permit #2018-02, as detailed in the June 20, 2018 memorandum from Barr Engineering. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Membership to the MN Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD)

Haas stated that he spoke with the new leader of MAWD. He noted that the organization previously only had Watershed Districts as members but has now opened membership with WMO's as well and has invited LRRWMO to become a member. He stated that there are benefits to being a member of the organization. He stated that the Board could choose to become a member and if after a year or two the Board does not see a benefit, the LRRWMO could exit the organization. He stated that the cost would be \$500 per year and suggested that the Board join the organization.

Kuzma asked if there is any additional time commitment to becoming a member.

Haas stated that it is his understanding that the watersheds meet occasionally to share information. He stated that the LRRWMO may gain input through that process.

Kuzma asked if the LRRWMO would gain the same benefit without being a member.

Weaver stated that if the Board has a concern, it would not be difficult to call MAWD.

Haas noted that there is legislative benefit.

Kuzma stated that he understands the opportunity to work together but stated that the LRRWMO has been working well for a number of years without membership in MAWD. He stated that he would prefer to sit on the sidelines for a year and see what comes out of that before deciding to join. He suggested that the idea be revisited in one year.

Haas noted that he will mention that the cost is concerning and perhaps the organization will offer a lower cost. He stated that he will invite a member of Coon Creek Watershed District to the next meeting to provide additional information on MAWD.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Change of Land Use in Andover

Haas referenced the turkey farm in Andover, noting that the fourth generation of the family no longer wants to pursue the business. He explained that the property owner has received approval for a PUD for the property, which would require a Comprehensive Plan amendment from agricultural to rural residential. He stated that all agencies were provided with the request and asked to reply if there are any comments.

The Board had no comments or objections.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS ~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Haas reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fourth Generation Plan RFP

Haas stated that it is time to start toward the Fourth Generation Plan. He stated that the last time the Plan was updated, Barr Engineering updated that plan at an hourly rate. He stated that the other option would be to develop an RFP.

Kuzma stated that if the Board did an update with the Third Generation Plan, he would suggest going out for an RFP this time.

Haas suggested that Schurbon be contracted to draft the RFP.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Barnett, to request Schurbon to provide a quote to draft an RFP for the Fourth Generation Plan. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Linton noted that the cities have to update their Water Plans this year with the Comprehensive Plan and will then have to update the Water Plans again in two years in conjunction with the Fourth Generation Plan. He asked if there are new rules that must be considered in this rendition of the plan.

Haas noted that the WRAPP information will need to be included in this generation of the plan.

Westby stated that it would be nice to know if there are optional items that the Board would like to add to the plan, such as stormwater reuse.

Haas stated that perhaps Schurbon can come to the next meeting to discuss some of the optional items and whether it would be helpful to add those items to the plan.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Kuzma, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary