

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MARCH 15, 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; Carl Anderson, 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, and John Enstrom of Enstrom Organic Dirt.

APPROVE AGENDA

Haas requested to add an Item, Anoka County Watershed Based Funding, under Other Business.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to approve the March 15, 2018 agenda as amended. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

Enstrom noted that the City of Anoka is using staples to hold the wiring up on the small trees outside City Hall. He noted that seems invasive and suggested using something more organic such as tie wrap. Nelson noted that the electric department using tie wraps in the past but those did not stay in place and therefore the department began to use the staples. He stated that the trees are replaced once they get to a certain size and therefore are not kept in place for years on end. He noted that he would pass on the comment to the electric department.

APPROVE MINUTES

February 15, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kuzma, to approve the February 15, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present (Haas). Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2018. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$238,025.22; less permit account balance of (\$57,683.08), for a total balance of \$180,342.14.

Smith asked if anyone on the Board previously worked with Yager on the annual budget. Haas stated that he does not remember and suggested that Smith go back through the records to determine the process Yager used.

Smith noted that she would review that information and present a resolution for the annual budget to the Board at the next meeting.

Haas referenced Permit #2016-22 and asked for additional information as that item appears to be rebilled several times. Westby noted that he will follow-up on that item.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Smith presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$584.17 (services rendered in February of 2018), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$2,081.90 (services rendered in January of 2018), Kennedy and Graven in the amount of \$159.30 (legal services), and Anoka Conservation District in the amount of \$14,485.00 (water monitoring).

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

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2017-18 ~ Anoka Site 20 ~ Anoka

Nelson asked that this permit be moved to the pending list as it most likely will not move forward for about six months. He noted that would save the Board from having to continuously table the permit.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to table Permit #2017-18, Anoka Site 20, Anoka and move the permit to the pending list. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2017-33 ~ South Street Addition ~ Anoka

Haas reviewed the March 12, 2018 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to seven conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to approve Permit #2017-33, South Street Addition, Anoka, subject to seven (7) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 12, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2017-34 ~ Ramsey School Addition ~ Ramsey

Haas reviewed the March 12, 2018 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to six conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to approve Permit #2017-34, Ramsey School Addition, Ramsey, subject to six (6) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 12, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2018-01 ~ Rum River Prairie ~ Ramsey

Haas reviewed the March 9, 2018 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO consider the application incomplete.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kuzma, to table Permit #2018-01, Rum River Prairie, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 9, 2018. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Oak Grove Comprehensive Plan

Haas noted that the draft version of the Oak Grove Comprehensive Plan was included in the packet for review. He noted that if there are any comments, they can be submitted, otherwise he needs to execute a statement that the Board has no comments and return that to Oak Grove.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to authorize Haas to execute the document and return to Oak Grove as discussed. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Minor Plan Amendment to LRRWMO's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan

Haas reviewed a memorandum from Barr Engineering.

Motion was made by Kuzma, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Minor Plan Amendment to the LRRWMO's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan including that the most current Joint Application Form for Activities Affecting Water Resources in Minnesota will be applicable. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Haas noted that the Water Management Plans for the member cities will need to be updated to be consistent with the minor Plan amendment.

Westby asked if there is a specific timeline for the member cities to update their Water Management Plan.

It was confirmed that there was not a specific deadline to update the member city plans.

Linton stated that the Board will need to decide when the new application submittal dates will become effective. He explained that will be important for developers. He suggested that perhaps the April meeting date would be a good effective date to begin the new deadline.

Haas stated that he would speak with Barr Engineering to determine the effective date for the new application submittal deadline.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Haas reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anoka County Watershed Based Funding

Haas stated that he, Linton, and Nelson have been attending local meetings on the pilot program from Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). He stated that Anoka County will be getting \$800,000 and noted that the discussion thus far is that the funding would be split between the watersheds within the County and other impaired waters based on percentages of area. He stated that this is moving along quickly, and each entity is to have their potential projects turned into BWSR by June.

Linton noted this is a pilot project that is attempting to get money to local agencies and therefore it has a short timeline with a lack of specific guidelines of what would qualify and how to apply.

Kuzma stated that perhaps shoreline stabilization would be a good project.

Linton noted the project needs to be identified in the Plan for the organization.

Haas suggested that he, Linton, and Nelson meet with Schurbon to determine the projects that could be eligible. He noted that if the LRRWMO does not submit a list of projects, the funding delegated for the organization would have to be given back.

Nelson noted that there are some WMO's that are not eligible because they do not have plans or methods to implement the projects.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of adjournment: 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary