

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

AUGUST 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Haas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Voting members absent were: None.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Brenda Springer, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, and Greg Williams of Barr Engineering.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the August 20, 2020 agenda as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Barnett, to approve the August 14, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2019-20 ~ Meadows at Petersen Farms ~ Andover

Haas reviewed the August 14, 2020 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the wetland impact sequencing and replacement plan as details in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Barnett, to approve the wetland impact sequencing and replacement plan as detailed in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2019-20, Meadows at Petersen Farms, Andover, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 14, 2020. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2020-05 ~ Wesp Property ~ Andover

Haas reviewed the August 14, 2020 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve the no-wetland determination for the evaluation within the four proposed land disturbance areas of the Wesp property as shown in the wetland evaluation area figure and summarized in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Haas reviewed the August 13, 2020 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO table the request until additional information is received. He noted that an additional memorandum was received from Barr Engineering dated August 19, 2020 which stated that that the LRRWMO could approve the permit contingent upon the conditions being met before issuance of the permit.

Barnett asked if the project schedule would be delayed if the Board tables the permit.

Haas stated that he spoke with the applicant and the applicant is aware that the conditions would need to be met before the permit would be issued. He noted that if the permit is tabled, the developer could call for a special meeting to gain approval prior to the September meeting. He noted that the City also issued approval, contingent upon conditions being met before grading proceeds.

Motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2020-05, Wesp Property, Andover, subject to the conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 13, 2020. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the no-wetland determination for the evaluation within the four proposed land disturbance areas as shown in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2020-05, Wesp Property, Andover, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 14, 2020. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2020-07 ~ Ramsey Public Works Facility ~ City of Ramsey

Haas reviewed the August 14, 2020 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to eight conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Haas also reviewed the August 14, 2020 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve the wetland boundary and type and WCA no-loss approval of an incidental wetland determination as described in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Barnett, to approve Permit #2020-07, Ramsey Public Works Facility, City of Ramsey, subject to eight (8) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 14, 2020. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Barnett, to approve the wetland boundary and type and WCA no-loss approval of an incidental wetland determination as described in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2020-07, Ramsey Public Works Facility, City of Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 14, 2020. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS

Notice of City of Ramsey Wellhead Protection Plan Part 2 Amendment

Haas noted that these items are informational and do not require action.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS

Watershed Based Implementation Funding Update

Musgrove reported that there is currently not a meeting scheduled.

Linton commented that the group is awaiting response from BWSR to determine the amount of funding that will be allocated, due to the changes related to COVID.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Haas reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on Fourth Generation Plan

Williams advised that the minutes were provided in the Board packet from the second TAC meeting summarized some of the comments received at that meeting. He confirmed that he would make some of the goals more specific and add clarity to some of the policy language. He stated that he will provide sections of the draft plan to the Board to review prior to the next Board meeting.

Haas stated that he will coordinate a meeting between staff from member cities to review the permit process and determine if any updates are needed.

Williams provided additional explanation on grant opportunities and whether a city or the WMO would apply for the funds. He noted that additional details will be developed for the implementation section of the draft plan.

Discuss Wetland Monitoring Requirements

Haas stated that he has spoken with Barr Engineering and they are working on this item.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Springer presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2020. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$209,778.66; less permit account balance of (\$52,992.87); less 2018 4th Generation Plan Reserve (\$88,196), for a total balance of \$149,589.79.

Motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Musgrove, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2020. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Springer presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$966.94 (professional services), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$2,869.92 (engineering services), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$1,595 (4th Generation Plan), and City of Anoka in the amount of \$1,200 (financial services).

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

Musgrove thanked Barr Engineering for including more detail in their invoices.

Consider 2021 MAWD Membership Dues

Haas stated that this would be the third year in MAWD, noting that the first two years the WMO paid \$500 each year for membership dues. He stated that in the third year MAWD would expect

the WMO to follow its typical membership due schedule. He commented that he was unsure of the fee amount that would be expected as it would be based upon estimated market value.

Barnett asked when the WMO would need to decide whether it wants to participate in MAWD. She noted that she would like to see more about the value of the membership.

Haas stated that the decision will not have to be made until later in the year. He stated that he can follow up with MAWD staff to determine what the membership cost would be.

Musgrove stated that she would also be interested in the value received in return for the MAWD membership.

Haas stated that he will obtain additional information and this item can appear on the next meeting agenda for continued discussion.

Other

Springer noted that the audit has been completed and the WMO received a clean opinion. She asked if the LRRWMO typically adopts the audit through resolution.

Haas stated that he believes the Board typically acknowledges the audit and accepts through a motion. He noted that the item could be placed on the September agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of adjournment: 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary