

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Haas called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Voting members absent were: None.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Brenda Springer, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Greg Williams of Barr Engineering, Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytonen, Becky Wozney of Anoka Conservation District, and Colleen Werdien of Anoka Conservation District.

APPROVE AGENDA

Linton requested to add Item G7, Request to have LRRWMO act as LGU for the City of Ramsey.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the September 16, 2021 agenda as amended. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

Musgrove noted on page four, it should state, "Musgrove suggested reviewing the draft responses marked in red, marked with the number three. Williams reviewed the comments marked in red (3), providing additional explanation..."

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to approve the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

September 7, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Haas, to approve the September 7, 2021 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Weaver). Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Springer presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2021. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$216,521.07; less permit account balance of (\$50,243.99); less 2018 4th Generation Plan Reserve (\$51,428.33), for a total balance of \$114,848.75.

Musgrove referenced a permit that had previously been noted as cleared but remains on the list.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2021. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Springer presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$981.56 (August professional services) and Barr Engineering in the amount of \$3,726.88 (engineering).

Musgrove asked and received confirmation that the charges for the special meeting would be paid by the LRRWMO and then billed to the developer that requested the special meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2021-12 ~ Williams Woods ~ Ramsey

Haas reviewed the September 10, 2021 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.

Linton provided a brief overview of the project.

Musgrove asked for clarification on the Trott Brook floodplain mentioned within the memorandum report. It was clarified that the applicant referenced the mapping document to provide elevations but that property does not actually fall within the floodplain for Trott Brook.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to approve Permit #2021-12, Williams Woods, Ramsey, subject to seven (7) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 10, 2021. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2021-15 ~ Becker Property ~ Ramsey

Musgrove asked for clarifications on the revisions that were mentioned. Wozney noted that when onsite they noted revisions to the delineation and the applicant included those in their submission.

Haas reviewed the September 10, 2021 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the revised wetland boundaries and types as described in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to approve of the revised wetland boundaries and types as described in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2021-15, Becker Property, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 10, 2021. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2021-16 ~ Armstrong Boulevard ~ Ramsey

Haas reviewed the September 10, 2021 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the delineated wetland boundaries and types as described in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to approve the delineated wetland boundaries and types as described in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2021-16, Armstrong Boulevard, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 10, 2021. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2021-18 ~ 6841 173rd Avenue NW ~ Ramsey

Haas reviewed the September 10, 2021 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the delineated wetland boundaries and types as described in the WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to approve of the delineated wetland boundaries and types as described in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2021-18, 6841 173rd Avenue NW, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 10, 2021. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2021-19 ~ Trott Brook North Property ~ Ramsey

Haas reviewed the September 10, 2021 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO conditionally approve the delineated wetland boundaries and types as described in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to conditionally approve the delineated wetland boundaries and types as described in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2021-19, Trott Brook North Property, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 10, 2021. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Hold Public Hearing on Fourth Generation Plan at 8:15 a.m. or shortly thereafter

Williams stated that the intent today is to hold the required public hearing on the LRRWMO Fourth Generation Plan. He stated that at the last meeting the Board reviewed and provided comments on the draft responses to comments received. He explained that the WMO is a joint powers association represented by Managers from the cities of Anoka, Andover, and Ramsey. He reviewed the activities of the WMO. He noted that this process began two years ago and reviewed the different tasks completed throughout that time. He reviewed the priorities identified, priority waterbodies, goals, and targeted implementation plan included within the Fourth Generation Plan. He stated that the public hearing is another opportunity for the public to provide input on the plan. He stated that no members of the public are present online or in the room but opened the meeting to the public.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to open the public hearing at 8:28 a.m. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

No comments.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to close the public hearing at 8:29 a.m. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Haas asked the next steps for the Fourth Generation Plan. Williams stated that he will submit a copy of the public hearing with the 90-day review submission.

Request for LRRWMO to Act as the LGU for the City of Ramsey

Haas stated that the City of Ramsey is making a request for the LRRWMO to act as the LGU.

Linton stated that Anoka County Highway is rebuilding Anoka County Road 64, which forms the boundary between Ramsey and the City of Nowthen. It is also the boundary between the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization and the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization. The County asked if the LRRWMO would act as the LGU for the wetland delineations for the County Road 64 Improvement project. He stated that the wetland delineation has been completed and the City is making a request for the LRRWMO to act as the LGU.

Wozney commented that this is a common type of request. Haas confirmed that the City of Andover recently followed a similar process on a County road project. He stated that Ramsey should submit something in writing or via email.

Linton confirmed that he has emails from the County as well supporting the request. He noted that he would submit those to Barr Engineering.

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

Update on Fourth Generation Plan

Williams noted that the draft plan with tracked changes were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, along with the updated implementation plan. He stated that the plan will be submitted to BWSR for the 90-day review. He stated that he would welcome any edits or comments the Board may have on the draft.

Musgrove appreciated the work that has been done and input from the partners. She referenced table 2.1 noting that she received a different total when she completed the math. Williams stated that it could have been a rounding error and noted that he would verify the totals.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Weaver, to authorize submission of the Fourth Generation Plan to BWSR for the 90-day review. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Update on Rum River 1W1P JPA

Haas stated that the period for agency comments has been completed. He stated that those comments will be reviewed, and any modifications will be made prior to a public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of adjournment: 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary