

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MARCH 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Debra Musgrove 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; Jeff Weaver, Anoka; and Valerie Holthus, Andover.

Voting members absent were: None.

Also present were: Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Stephanie Johnson of Barr Engineering, Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytonen, Ramsey Becky Wozney of Anoka Conservation District, Colleen Werdien of Anoka Conservation District, ARAA Consultant Mark Bigelbach, ARAA Consultant Reese Sudtelgte, and ARAA Consultant Zack Reese.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Holthus, to approve the March 16, 2023 agenda as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to approve the February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2022-09R ~ Legacy at Petersen Farms ~ Andover

Kytonen reviewed the March 10, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO continue this review as the revisions to the submittal have not yet been received.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to continue Permit #2022-09R, Legacy at Petersen Farms, Andover, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 10, 2023. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2023-01 ~ Blue Line Collision ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the March 10, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to nine conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Musgrove asked for clarification on numbers within the memorandum noting that the discharge numbers appear to be the same. Johnson stated that rounding is used noting that there is a small difference but in the hundredths.

Linton stated that the table mentions Bunker and 7th but this location is on Highway 10. Johnson stated that is a typo that she will correct. Linton stated that in his review he also noted there would not be an impact from this building.

Weaver stated that the graph shows specific numbers and asked if that is correct based on the typo in the table. Johnson confirmed that the numbers are accurate, and the typo is only within the heading of the table.

Weaver asked how many businesses that this corridor will be impacted by the upcoming road construction. Linton acknowledged that this is the first one. He provided details on other impacts that will occur from the highway project and the work the City is doing with those businesses to relocate. He also provided details on access that will be provided to businesses through frontage roads.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Holthus, to approve Permit #2023-01, Blue Line Collision, Ramsey, subject to nine (9) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 10, 2023 and with the noted title change for the mentioned table. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2023-03 ~ Anoka Ramsey Athletic Dome ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the March 10, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to ten conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Musgrove recalled three basins when the Council reviewed this application but noted that there are four in this plan. Linton stated that an additional basin was added to ensure compliance with the stormwater requirements. He confirmed that the fourth basin would be on the west side of the site.

Holthus asked what exists on the site today. Linton stated that the site is vacant at this time and reviewed some of the previous uses.

Musgrove invited the applicant team to provide comments.

Sudtelgte confirmed that a fourth basin was added to meet stormwater requirements.

Musgrove stated that parking was part of the discussion of the Council. She asked if the additional basin would result in a loss of parking. Linton stated that staff shares the opinion of the Council that the applicant is underestimating parking.

Sudtelgte replied that nothing has changed since the last Council meeting.

Weaver noted that this will be a wonderful project for Ramsey and the children that participate in ARAA sports.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to approve Permit #2023-03, Anoka Ramsey Athletic Dome, Ramsey, subject to ten (10) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 10, 2023. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Wozney presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2023. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$147,580.42; less permit account balance of (\$42,891.78); less 2018 4th Generation Plan Reserve account balance of (\$29,493.43), for a total balance of \$75,195.21.

Musgrove noted that she was looking forward to seeing if the adjusted fees will better help to cover the costs. She noted a discrepancy in the titles on pages seven and eight of the packet. She noted that Yager can address her questions at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Holthus, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2023. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Wozney presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$996.45 (February secretarial services), Kennedy & Graven in the amount of \$91.50 (December 2022), Anoka Conservation District in the amount of \$9,791.25 (Final 2022 payment – 2023 Water Management), and Anoka Conservation District in the amount of \$46,217 (75 percent payment – 2023 Water Management).

Weaver referenced a check noted in the packet for \$46,000 and stated that he just signed a check for \$56,000. He asked the discrepancy. Nelson noted that there were two different invoices from ACD that were combined.

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

2022 Year End Financial Report

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Holthus, to postpone the 2022 Year End Financial Report to the April meeting. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS

Beaver Control Services Information

Wozney stated that this information was provided to the WMO. She noted that County ditches would be the control of the County and was unsure this would be useful to the WMO.

Werdien noted the WMO of habitat restoration and was unsure the WMO would want to endorse beaver trapping. She was unsure if beavers caused harm.

Linton commented on experience with issues caused by beavers and related damage that occurred. Weaver also provided input on the negative impact of beavers. He stated that the WMO is not endorsing this, but it is a tool for public or private issues.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Wozney reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist. She also provided an update on recent activity, ACD hiring, and a smart irrigation educational trailer that could be available through the U of M for municipal events. She also noted a request ACD received from a news organization out of state to use an educational video created for the LRRWMO.

OTHER BUSINESS

JPA Review ~ Pages 1-4

Wozney stated that this was her first attempt to identify potential changes in the first four pages. She noted that the majority is statutory language. She stated that this information was also provided to City Administrators for review. She asked for input from the Board on how the review should be done and when city staff should be solicited for input.

Musgrove commented that she had difficulty getting into the document. Holthus stated that she had no problem accessing the document with her Gmail account. She suggested that a footnote be added with the date of the changes. Linton confirmed that is common practice when these types of documents are updated.

The Board and staff reviewed the document to provide some proposed changes and/or suggestions to consider. Linton provided some historical context about the original JPA when Coon Rapids was a part of the organization and then released from the organization.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of adjournment: 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary