

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

JUNE 15, 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: Deputy Treasurer Lori Yager, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Stephanie Johnson of Barr Engineering, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytonen, and Colleen Werdien of Anoka Conservation District.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the June 15, 2023 agenda as presented.

Further discussion: Musgrove suggested moving item M1 to the next meeting as Wozney is not present. Weaver accepted the friendly amendment to revise the agenda.

Holthus arrived.

Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

Glen Hardin, 15681 Andrie Street NW, was present to speak about the Lake Itasca Association. He provided background information noting that the Itasca Area Lake Association (IALA) was formed last year by residents. He reviewed some of their concerns, noting that they have done some research over the past few years and have determined there is not a plan for the Lake from other entities. He stated that they are present to introduce themselves to the LRRWMO and in the future they would like to speak to the Board about studies on water quality, weeds, and lake levels.

Holthus commented that she is familiar with the Lake and asked how long the trails have existed. Musgrove commented that the trail has been there for some time but believed the boardwalk was recently redone.

Weaver asked if there is an inlet and outlet for that body of water. Hardin replied that there is not a formal one but noted there is a dike in an area that perhaps would have drained into Itasca in the

past. Weaver noted that it is a unique body of water with great recreational value, and it will be great to dig into the issue further. Johnson noted some of the factors that she would consider in reviewing those types of issues.

Musgrove commented on the role of the LRRWMO in permitting and noted that perhaps there would be an opportunity for a cost-share partnership in the future. Weaver referred the residents to ACD to gain additional information and assistance.

APPROVE MINUTES

May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to approve the May 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Yager presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2023. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$87,952.18; less permit account balance of (\$36,169.14); less Generation Plan reserves of (\$29,493.43), for a total balance of \$22,289.61.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Holthus, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2023. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Yager presented the payment of bills for Anoka Conservation District in the amount of \$2,290 (1st Quarter Admin Services), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$4,913 (3-25-23 through 4-21-23), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$4,967 (4-22-23 through 5-19-23), and TimeSaver in the amount of \$826.59 (May 2023 services).

Musgrove asked for clarification on invoice #345 for Barr Engineering. Johnson replied that the charges are associated with the permit, but the invoice setting is showing the alternate name.

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

2024 Budget Adoption

Yager stated the proposed budget was reviewed at the last meeting and amendments were suggested. She provided additional details on the changes that were made and the proposed assessments to the cities.

Kytonen stated that in speaking with Andover staff, there has been a request to receive additional information on some of the numbers. He asked if it would be possible to delay action on this item to the next meeting in order to have those questions answered. Yager confirmed that could be done. Musgrove suggested approving the draft budget at this time and noted that an amendment could be made in July if necessary.

Kytonen stated Andover was interested in the formula as well as additional information. He noted the change in the assessment amount as it had almost doubled. Yager replied that the assessment from the previous year is very similar but noted there was an increase prior to that. Musgrove explained that previously, Haas was doing a lot of work for the WMO and when he left, that transferred to ACD, which came with additional cost. Kytonen stated he would be comfortable with the Board adopting the budget with the understanding that an amendment could be made in July, if necessary.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to adopt Resolution #2023-01 adopting the 2024 budget. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Kytonen reviewed the June 7, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering stated that an updated plan set, and revised stormwater management report were submitted to the LRRWMO for review on May 3, 2023. The review of the revised submittal has generated several questions that have been sent to the project agent. Since the applicant is working on addressing both the comments of the City and LRRWMO, Barr recommends that action on the permit by the LRRWMO again be continued. Since the 60-day review period will end on July 14th, prior to the July 20th meeting, a time review extension for an additional 60 days must be approved by the LRRWMO.

Johnson provided an update on recent activity between Barr Engineering and the City of Andover with the developer. She noted that several pages of comments were provided to the developer from Andover and the WMO was able to add a few comments to that as well.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Holthus, to issue a 60-day extension and continue Permit #2022-09R, Legacy at Peterson Farms, Andover, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated June 7, 2023. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2023-08 ~ Soderholm Building Addition ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the June 7, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO continue this item and issue a 60-day extension of the review period. He provided additional details on some of the items that are slowing the process which involves the review of another state agency.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to grant a 60-day extension and continue Permit #2023-08, Soderholm Building Addition, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated June 7, 2023. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS ~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

No comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

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This item postponed to the July meeting.

OTHER

Weaver commented on the high water levels this spring that brought sand with it and filled the navigation channel in the River. He commented that this has not happened in the past. He asked where the erosion issues occurred that caused the sand to move downstream and what is going to be done about it as it has had a big impact downstream.

Musgrove noted that the Zoom recording retention policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of adjournment: 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary