

# LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

AUGUST 17, 2023

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## 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; and Valerie Holthus, Andover.

Voting members absent were: Jeff Weaver, Anoka.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Lori Yager, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Stephanie Johnson of Barr Engineering, Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytönen, Becky Wozney of Anoka Conservation District, Colleen Werdien of Anoka Conservation District, and Jamie Foust representing Aldi.

## APPROVE AGENDA

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the August 17, 2023 agenda as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

## RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

## APPROVE MINUTES

July 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

August 1, 2022 Special Meeting

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the August 1, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

## FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Yager presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2023. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$135,490.80; less permit account balance of (\$47,706.75); less Generation Plan reserves of (\$29,493.43), for a total balance of \$58,290.72.

Musgrove asked and received confirmation that the charges for the special meeting requested by Home2Suites would be charged to the applicant. Yager noted that would show on the next invoice.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

Payment of Bills

Yager presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$935.07 (professional services) and Barr Engineering in the amount of \$4,877.50 (July 2023 engineering).

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to authorize payment as presented and indicated above. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2023-09R ~ Legacy at Petersen Farms ~ Andover

Kytonen reviewed the August 9, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering stated that the applicant has indicated their preliminary schedule is to begin site grading after Labor Day. With the continuance of this permit, a special meeting request prior to the September meeting is anticipated. However, since the 60-day review period will end on September 12, which is prior to the LRRWMO's September 21 meeting, a time review extension for an additional 60-days is recommended.

Johnson acknowledged that this has been going on for quite some time. She commented that this is a large development with a lot of ponding and while the list of issues are getting smaller, there are still some details to be worked out.

Wozney stated that the additional extension would then expire on November 12<sup>th</sup> if granted today.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to grant an additional 60-day extension and continue Permit #2023-09R, Legacy at Petersen Farms, Andover, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 9, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

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

Linton reviewed the August 9, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to 11 conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Musgrove asked for more details on the discharge. Linton commented that the site will provide a lot of stormwater ponding onsite and noted that this applicant is very efficient with their stormwater.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2023-08, Soderholm Building Addition, Ramsey, subject to eleven (11) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 9, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

LRRWMO Permit #2023-11 ~ 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the August 10, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the wetland boundaries and types and the no-loss as documented in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the wetland boundaries and types and no-loss as documented in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2023-11, 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 10, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

LRRWMO Permit #2023-12 ~ The COR Grading ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the August 11, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve the WCA no-loss with the condition that the project will not result in indirect impacts to the WCA regulated wetland areas as described in the draft Notice of Decision.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the WCA no-loss with the condition that the project will not result in indirect impacts to the WCA regulated wetland areas as described in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2023-12, The COR Grading, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 11, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

LRRWMO Permit #2023-13 ~ COR Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements – Erosion and Sediment Control Permit ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the August 11, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to 13 conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Musgrove asked for details on the work that has been occurring. Linton noted that tree removal and grading would start in the next week or so if the permit is approved.

Johnson noted that this is a large project where the grading was requested first to begin with that, and the stormwater permit will come forward at a future time. She noted that the last two conditions are meant to keep the project moving and keep communication open. She commented that the waterfront pond will be a large regional pond intended to serve the intention of the original ponds. She stated that three ponds will be filled, noting that only one of those is currently serving a stormwater management purpose.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2023-13, COR Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements – Erosion and Sediment Control, Ramsey, subject to thirteen (13) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 11, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

LRRWMO Permit #2023-14 ~ Aldi ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the August 11, 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.

Johnson provided clarification on the phasing and platting of this project, noting that this request is for the first phase and the applicant would be coming back in the future.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2023-14, Aldi, Ramsey, subject to nine (9) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 11, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

LRRWMO Permit #2023-15 ~ Waltek Site Imp ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the August 15, 2023 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering stated that review comments have been sent to the project agent, Craig Jochum, Hakanson Anderson, requesting additional information be provided for the application to be considered completed. It is requested that the LRRWMO continue this item and that the review period be extended by 60-days as required by MN Statutes 15.99, until a revised submittal is provided for review.

**Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to extend the review period by 60-days and continue Permit #2023-15, Waltek Site Imp, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 15, 2023. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

LRRWMO Permit #2023-16 ~ 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue Erosion Control ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the August 8, 2023 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 Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2023-16, 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue Erosion Control, Ramsey, subject to seven (7) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated August 8, 2023. Vote: 2 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

Wozney reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist. She stated that they are looking more into the Lake Itasca issue and noted that it is quite complex for the existing staff with existing workloads. She noted that they have applied to add an additional staff member that could focus more on groundwater but advised that is not a quick answer and the answer may not even come next summer.

Werdien noted a recent presentation that is available on the League of Women Voters' site about groundwater.

Musgrove asked if ACD would continue to look for resources if the position is not funded by Anoka County. Wozney commented she thinks that they would but noted the challenges they would have in funding that position in a more creative manner because there are not direct permit fees that could fund that position.

OTHER BUSINESS ~ None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Staple". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "S".

Amanda Staple  
Administrative Secretary