

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MARCH 21, 2024

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 Kim Kovich, Andover.

Voting members absent were: Valerie Holthus, Andover.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Lori Yager, Ramsey Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton, Anoka Engineering Technician Ben Nelson, Greg Williams of Barr Engineering, Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytonen, Becky Wozney of Anoka Conservation District, and Gary VanScoy.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to approve the March 21, 2024 agenda as presented.

Further discussion: Wozney requested to add an item under New Business to Consider a Data Practices Policy. Weaver commented that new business items should be on the published agenda in order to take action. It was the Board consensus for that item to appear on the next agenda.

Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to approve the February 15, 2024 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 February 29, 2024. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$157,279.02; less permit account balance of (\$40,243.42), less Generation Plan reserves balance of (\$29,493.43); for a total balance of \$87,542.17.

Musgrove noted that perhaps the Board should begin to have a line item in the budget to plan for the next update to the Generation Plan.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 29, 2024. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Yager presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$809.70 (February secretarial services), and RTY Consulting in the amount of \$2,890.00 (Check reissue).

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

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2023-21 ~ West Rum River Trail ~ Phase 1 ~ City of Anoka

Nelson reviewed the March 12, 2024 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.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to approve Permit #2023-21, West Rum River Trail ~ Phase 1, City of Anoka, subject to nine (9) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 12, 2024. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-01 ~ The COR Roadways ~ City of Ramsey

Linton reviewed the March 15, 2024 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.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to approve Permit #2024-01, The COR Roadways, City of Ramsey, subject to nine (9) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 15, 2024. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-02 ~ St. Katharine Drexel Church ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the March 11, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to 12 conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Musgrove referenced the previous concerns with flooding expressed by residents in this area and noted the reduction to the stormwater rate, which is great. She noted that it is also great to see the church able to move forward with expansion.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2024-02, St. Katharine Drexel Church, Ramsey, subject to 12 conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 11, 2024. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-04 ~ Barthel's Rum River Acres/White Pine Estates Streets ~ City of Ramsey

Linton reviewed the March 8, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to six conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to approve Permit #2024-04, Barthel's Rum River Acres/White Pine Estates Streets, City of Ramsey, subject to six (6) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 8, 2024. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-05 ~ Halls Dover Acres Street Reconstruction ~ City of Ramsey

Linton reviewed the March 15, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to six conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Kovich, to approve Permit #2024-05, Halls Dover Acres Street Reconstruction, City of Ramsey, subject to six (6) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 15, 2024. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS ~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS

Public Process for Administration of the Wetlands Conservation Act (WCA)

Wozney stated that this is the updated version as previously discussed. Musgrove asked and received confirmation that this was informational.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Wozney reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist.

Weaver commented that he would be interested in the level of Lake Itasca as residents had made comments last year and this has been a dry winter.

Musgrove commented that she was excited to see that the Board will have a boat tour this year. Wozney replied that would be dependent upon water levels and navigation. It was determined that the Board will continue to discuss that possibly as the season moves along.

OTHER BUSINESS

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Musgrove referenced 10A related to condemnation authority and did not believe that is within the LRRWMO Plan. Linton stated that was perhaps blanket language from the State that was put into

the boiler plate for the JPA. Musgrove suggested that the Attorney be asked as to whether that should remain or be removed. She then welcomed comments on the portion of the JPA related to finances and it was suggested that the Attorney review the requirement for the Treasurer to have a bond, whether language should be left in related to items that do not seem applicable to the WMO (a building, WMO projects and related reports to the cities). Musgrove also asked that the paragraphs/subdivisions be numbered/lettered for clarity. She also referenced the language related to the duration of the JPA and asked if that should be updated to reflect a specific time period, such as ten years, or to provide a more indefinite length. Linton provided historical data on the length of previous JPA's and believed that the duration should be for an additional ten years. The Board agreed.

The Board agreed that the Attorney should review the updates as discussed over the last few meetings. It was agreed that the Board should then review the document before sending to its member cities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of adjournment: 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary