

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

SEPTEMBER 19, 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; and Valerie Holthus, Andover (via Zoom). Voting member absent was: Jeff Weaver, Anoka.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the September 19, 2024 agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Yager presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2024. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$192,479.58; less permit account balance of (\$47,710.42), less Generation Plan reserves balance of (\$32,493.43); for a total balance of \$118,275.73.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Yager presented the payment of bills for TimeSaver in the amount of \$867.94 (August secretarial services) and Barr Engineering in the amount of \$8,064.04 (July engineering services).

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to authorize payment as presented and indicated above.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2024-24 ~ Voice of Hope Church ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the September 13, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO extend the 60-day review period for this permit and continue the review of this item to the next meeting.

Wozney stated that if the communication with the applicant has stopped or the progress is being delayed, this could be moved to the pending portion of the agenda in the future. Linton commented that the applicant is going through the City approval process. Lau stated that she has been in contact with the project agent who agreed with moving this item to the agenda for October. She stated that the applicant is working to address the increased downstream impacts.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to continue Permit #2024-24, Voice of Hope Church, Ramsey, and extend the review period by 60-days as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 13, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-26 ~ River's Bend Regional Stormwater Improvements ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the September 13, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve the permit for this project subject to nine conditions detailed in the memorandum.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2024-26, River's Bend Regional Stormwater Improvements, Ramsey, subject to nine (9) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 13, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-27 ~ 181st Avenue NW Wetland Delineation ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the September 12, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve the revised wetland boundaries and types as documented in the draft WCA Notice of Decision.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve the revised wetland boundaries and types as documented in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2024-27, 181st Avenue NW Wetland Delineation, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 12, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-29 ~ Green Valley Greenhouse West ~ Wetland ~ Ramsey

Linton, reviewed the September 12, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve the revised wetland boundaries and types and the WCA agricultural exemption as documented in the draft WCA Notice of Decision. It was noted that the Technical Evaluation Panel members determined that Wetland 1 is not an incidental wetland.

Musgrove asked for clarification on Wetland 1 not being an incidental wetland. Wozney explained that the wetland is to the west of the current configuration of the site, recognizing that the site continues to grow. She stated that there is a wetland that appeared to show up in the recent past, but the TEP made the determination that the wetland had been in there in the past and was not due to recent events. She stated that it was ruled as an agricultural wetland and therefore the applicant qualifies for an agricultural exemption.

Motion was made by Musgrove, seconded by Holthus, to approve the revised wetland boundaries and types and the WCA agricultural exemption as documented in the WCA Notice of Decision for Permit #2024-29, Green Valley Greenhouse West, Wetland, Ramsey, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 12, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-30 ~ Green Valley Greenhouse West ~ Stormwater ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the September 13, 2024 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.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2024-30, Green Valley Greenhouse West, Stormwater, Ramsey, subject to thirteen (13) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 13, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-31 ~ Diamond Graphics Building ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the September 13, 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.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2024-31, Diamond Graphics Building, Ramsey, subject to twelve (12) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 13, 2024.

Further discussion: Lau provided additional details on the conditions. She stated that this project will be completed in three phases and noted that the stormwater management facilities would be required to be installed prior to the construction of an impervious areas.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

LRRWMO Permit #2024-32 ~ Parkside Townhomes ~ Ramsey

Linton reviewed the September 13, 2024 memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO approve of the permit for this project subject to eight conditions detailed in the memorandum. He also noted a letter from the City of Ramsey which states that the City has capacity for volume from this site to be managed by the City's regional infiltration basin.

Lau provided additional details on the review of the application's stormwater management plan, noting that the volume will be handled by the City's regional infiltration basin. She stated that at some time Barr and Ramsey will need to work together to determine the capacity that remains in the basin. She stated that both Barr and Ramsey agree that the basin has sufficient capacity to manage this water.

Holthus asked about the number of units that will be in the townhome development. Lau replied that there will be a total of 68 units, associated parking, utilities, and streets. Musgrove commented that this project will be split into two phases, roughly split in half. She asked and received confirmation that this approval would approve both phases.

Motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Musgrove, to approve Permit #2024-32, Parkside Townhomes, Ramsey, subject to eight (8) conditions as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated September 13, 2024.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS ~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS

JPA Update

Wozney stated that the cities have begun to review the JPA updates. Kytonen stated that the Andover City Attorney, who also represents Anoka, did review the JPA updates and had some comments. He stated that he plans to meet with the City Attorney and Interim City Administrator to discuss those comments.

Wozney noted that depending on the depth of the comments, the WMO Attorney may need to review the comments prior to the Board considering formal approval of the updates.

Musgrove stated that Ramsey staff is currently reviewing the JPA updates and believed that it is scheduled to go to the City Council at its first work session in October, which would be before the October WMO meeting.

Musgrove suggested that every city have their comments in prior to the October WMO meeting, which would allow the WMO to review at the October meeting, and then formal approval could go to the member city councils in November.

Bus Tour Information

Wozney stated that she will look at dates to potentially conduct the bus tour in October.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Wozney reviewed the outstanding items and task checklist. She provided additional details on the biomonitoring that had been previously discussed and confirmed that the activity was 100 percent complete.

OTHER BUSINESS ~ None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Holthus, seconded by Weaver, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was performed:

Holthus aye

Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 8:46 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