

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Clearwater River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
March 15, 2017 - 4:00PM
Triple 'R' Grill & Bar, Kimball, MN

Chair Schiefelbein called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. Managers Chris Uecker, Kathy Jonsrud, and Robert Schiefelbein were present. Manager Paul DeGree entered at 4:15pm. Manager Robert Rocheleau was excused absence. Also in attendance were: Ron Graham, Orv Jonsrud and John Sedey, Jack Gleason (entered at 6:02pm, left at 7:06pm), Engineer Rebecca Carlson, Advisor Merle Anderson, Assistant Administrator Dennis Loewen (left at 7:50pm) and Administrator Cole Loewen.

Motion #17-03-1: Jonsrud/Uecker moved to adopt the agenda. **All Managers voted aye.**

ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Board approved the revised implementation timeline for the current CRWD Watershed Management Plan.

Motion #17-03-2: Jonsrud/Uecker moved to adopt the 2017 Manager's Plan of Work. **All Managers voted aye.**

Motion #17-03-3: Jonsrud/DeGree moved to adopt the 2017 Water Quality Monitoring Program Proposal, with the removal of Lake Caroline for the 2017 lake sampling schedule. **All Managers voted aye.**

The Board asked for the engineer to have specialized staff from Wenck Associates, Inc. present further information regarding internal load management of six District lakes, and to move forward with updating lake response models for said lakes in 2017.

The Board reviewed current internal discussions regarding the upcoming revision to the CRWD Watershed Management Plan, as well as the proposed schedule for said revision. The Board directed its administrator to add discussion of the current and future watershed management plan to the top of the Board's regular meeting agenda on a quarterly basis, starting with the July regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Vossen, Letter re: CRWD's Outlot A of the Rest-A-While Shores Plat; dead tree on Outlot A of the Rest-A-While Shores Plat

Mr. Vossen was not in attendance to present on his correspondences to the CRWD. The Board took no action on Mr. Vossen's requests contained in said correspondences.

Jack Gleason, Proposal to sample Curly-Leaf Pondweed (CLP) in Lake Augusta to determine phosphorus content

Administrator Loewen reviewed a segment of a proposal between the Lake Augusta Association and Wenck Associates, Inc. to calculate the phosphorus content contained in CLP within Lake Augusta, as well as determine the phosphorus content contained in CLP harvested from the lake. At a previous meeting, the Board directed its staff to perform sampling to help determine this type of information.

Motion #17-03-4: Jonsrud/Uecker moved to spend up to \$750 from the General Fund's special projects account to calculate the phosphorus content of harvested CLP from Lake Augusta in 2016 and 2017, based on removal weight to be supplied by the Lake Augusta Association. **All Managers voted aye.**

Jack Gleason left the meeting at 7:06pm

CONSENT AGENDA

Action items included in the consent agenda were as follows:

- Approved February 15, 2017 CRWD Board of Managers' regular meeting minutes.
- Approved contract with Affordable Pumping Services, Inc. for 2017 septic tank servicing.
- Approved contracts with Septic Check for Clearwater Harbor, Hidden River and Rest-A-While Sanitary Sewer Systems
- Approved contract with Prairie Restorations, Inc. for vegetation maintenance at multiple sites.
- Authorized Board and staff attendance at upcoming events.

Motion #17-03-5: Jonsrud/Uecker, moved to adopt the consent agenda. **All Managers voted aye.**

MARCH 15, 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Administrator Loewen reviewed the financial report. Discussion was held on the budget for the Watkins Area Stormwater Treatment Project.

Motion #17-03-6: Jonsrud/Uecker, moved to authorize payment of bills, subject to audit. **All Managers voted aye.**

OLD BUSINESS

School Section Lake Project: draft resolution ordering re-establishment, additional appraisal information

The Board directed its Administrator to get clarification from its attorney regarding MN Statute 103D.701 and voting in absentia. The Board also indicated its desire to serve as appraisers for the re-establishment of the project, in an effort to save property owners the costs of an appraisal firm.

Acceptance of 2016 water quality and watershed management plan implementation status portion of CRWD's 2016 Annual Report

Motion #17-03-7: Jonsrud/Uecker, moved to accept this portion of the annual report and authorize its administrator to create a task order with Wenck Associates, Inc. to work together to complete the remainder of the annual report. **All Managers voted aye.**

Lake Augusta Erosion Control Repairs

The Board directed its engineer to inspect the project drain tile along 100th Street and County Road 3, and to develop addendums to Wright County Highway Department's roadwork along County Road 3.

Memorializing lift station control panel issues at Clearwater Harbor & Hidden River Sanitary Sewer Systems

The Board hereby notes its plan to address alarm issues with the lift stations at the Clearwater Harbor & Hidden River Sanitary Sewer Systems as part of its implementation of the Nitrogen Mitigation and Analysis Plan for said systems in order to save costs for affected property owners. A memo on this matter is available for review at the CRWD office.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule for upcoming business expo

Board members picked times to man the booths at the Annandale and Kimball business expos.

Administrator Loewen- Other Business

The Board directed its administrator to submit a letter to CRWD legislators in support of funding the recently signed Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) with the US Dept. of Ag, and to complete a survey from Wenck Associates regarding its rendered services.

Advisor Anderson- Other Business

Advisor Anderson informed the Board of the positive interactions at the Feb. 22nd agricultural producer event in Kimball, and encouraged these types of events to continue in the future.

Advisory Committee assignments are:

1. No-wake “flag” notices
2. Aquatic Invasive Species

Items noted for the April 19, 2017 regular meeting are:

- Update on CH/HR NMAP Implementation
- Project/ program updates
- Annual Project Inspections
- Lake Augusta Erosion Control Repairs
- School Section Lake Outlet Control Project re-establishment proceedings

MANAGERS’ REPORTS

Manager Uecker gave an update of the regional decontamination station effort being led by the Greater Lake Sylvia Association.

Motion #17-03-8: Jonsrud/DeGree, moved to adjourn at 8:41pm. **All Managers voted aye.**

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Chair, Bob Schiefelbein

Secretary, Paul DeGree