

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Wednesday February 10, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Woodbury Public Works Building
2301 Tower Drive, Woodbury, MN

1. Call to Order

Manager Lavold called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda Items Added:

Wilmes Lake Sub-watershed Update was pulled from the consent agenda and added to item 5d.

Agenda set, with additions, per Manager Lavold.

Roll Call:

Jack Lavold - President

Denny Hanna -Vice President

Brian Johnson -Vice President

Don Pereira - Secretary

Michael Madigan - Treasurer

Staff:

Matt Moore, SWWD Administrator

Others:

Jack Clinton, Attorney, Tom Meyer, Supervisor Washington Conservation District

2. Open Forum

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: Approval of January 2009 regular meeting minutes, January Treasurer's Report accounts payable \$481,772.90 receivables \$53,695.04 4M fund balance \$10,370,144.19, Calendar Events, Development Reviews, Cost Share Payments, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. Motion was made by Manager Hanna to accept the consent agenda. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager's Report

- **Manager Hanna** – Manager Hanna reported that Mr. Barry Sittlow is assisting the City of Newport during search for new City Administrator. The SWWD will wait until new staff is selected to provide an update.
- **Manager Pereira** – Manager Pereira is up for reappointment this year and has notified Washington County that he would like to be reappointed.
- **Manager Johnson**- Manager Johnson reported that he had spoke with Ms. Jennifer Levitt, City of Cottage Grove, regarding visiting the City Council and a potential project for 2009 cost share.
- **Manager Madigan**- No Report.
- **Manager Lavold** – Reported that he attended a meeting of the Association of Minnesota Counties Task Force to discuss potential legislative changes that would have Counties approve Watershed District Budgets and require Watershed District Managers stand for election rather than appointment. A summary of the meeting provided by MAWD will be sent to the Board.

5. Administrator's Report

Administrator Moore reported on the following:

- CAC meeting. The first SWWD CAC meeting was held on January 22nd. The committee was provided an overview of the SWWD and its activities. Current membership of four will be expanded. Staff will work with Cities to recruit more members.
- Technician Position. The position announcement was published in the St. Paul paper on 1/25 and 2/1. There is also good coverage on the internet using various web sites to advertise the position. The application period closes 2/20, at that time staff will review and score applications and schedule interviews.
- Conservation Center. The Board continued the discussion from the January meeting regarding consideration of supporting the Washington Conservation District needs assessment for a potential new building. The Board decided not to support the study at this time. The SWWD Board does see the value in a collaborative effort between the WCD and watersheds. There is good synergy that is created through co-location of staff, however the Board desires to balance this with cost at this time. Motion was made by Manager Hanna to decline the request of the WCD for participation by the SWWD in the needs assessment study. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- LSCWMO. Washington County has prepared drafts of the petition, resolution of support and letters of notification for the potential dissolution of the LSCWMO. This information was distributed via email to the Board. The Board discussed representation of the LSCWMO on the SWWD Board as it was presented in the draft petition prepared by the County. The Board also discussed some of the financing mechanisms available to finance projects if the SWWD boundary is enlarged to include a portion of the LSCWMO. Motion was made by Manager Hanna that the SWWD Board of Managers recommends to Washington County that the petition to enlarge the SWWD boundary be amended to specify the number of Managers be increased to 6, with one manager appointed from the Lower St. Croix watershed area. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wilmes Lake Sub-watershed Storage. The Administrator reported the there were no new developments investigated for additional storage capacity within the Wilmes Lake Sub-watershed in the month of January. In addition SWWD staff contacted the Cities of Oakdale, Cottage Grove and Woodbury regarding tax-forfeit property transfers from Washington County. No transferred parcels were shown to benefit the SWWD for stormwater purposes. Discussions with the City of Lake Elmo indicated that property North of I-94 is for sale, however no proposals for development have been submitted to the City for consideration. The SWWD will continue to investigate potential regional storage projects in the sub-watershed North of I-94 in conjunction with future development proposals.

6. 2009 Water Quality Cost Share Program.

- The Board scheduled a workshop for Wednesday February 25, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to fully discuss the 2009 Cost Share program.

7. CD-P85/86 Restoration Maintenance.

- Motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve scope and budget for 2009 CD-P85/86 restoration maintenance with Minnesota Native Landscapes not to exceed \$3000.00. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2009 Blue Thumb Support.

- Motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve to approve support in the amount of \$1500.00 for 2009 Blue Thumb program. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn

- The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 10th at 7pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. motion by Manger Johnson and seconded by Manger Pereira.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Imse, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Mr. Donald Pereira, Secretary

Date