

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday July 12, 2011
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 7:00 p.m.

Additional agenda item: Administrators Report-Item 5f) MS4 Draft Permit Comments

Agenda set per Manager Lavold.

Roll Call:

Jack Lavold – President

Denny Hanna-Vice President

Brian Johnson -Vice President

Mike Madigan-Treasurer

Don Pereira-Secretary

Staff:

Matt Moore, SWWD Administrator

Melissa Imse, SWWD Administrative Assistant

Others:

Jack Clinton, SWWD Attorney

Curt Johnson, SWWD CAC Member

Judy Spooner, South Washington Bulletin Newspaper

2. Open Forum

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: June 2011 regular meeting minutes, June Treasurer's Report accounts payable \$81,568.28 receivables \$162.80, 4M fund balance \$13,056,115.70, 2011 GO Bond Balance \$3,910,019.92, Calendar Events, Development Reviews, July Cost Share payments, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. Motion was made by Manager Madigan to accept the consent agenda. Manager Pereira seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager's Report.

- **Manager Johnson-** Manager Johnson reported that he attended the MAWD Summer Tour Conference.
- **Manager Hanna-** None.
- **Manager Madigan-** None.
- **Manager Lavold-** Manager Lavold reported that he attended the MAWD Summer Tour Conference.
- **Manager Pereira-** Manager Pereira reported that he attended the St. Croix River Conference.

5. Administrator Report

- **SWWD Project Updates.** Administrator Moore included in the board packet project updates on:

SWWD Watershed Overflow:

Design work on 70th Street overflow is beginning with Washington County. The EAW is beginning with collecting and drafting documents and an Agency Coordination Panel has been established and will meet July 27th. The portion of the project to stabilize CSAH 19 and construct a berm between CD-P86N and 86S remains on hold. Washington County has developed a scope of work and budget for roadway design and we should see the agreement with Washington County at our July meeting to amend our work order to include this roadway design. The County will be responsible for roadway design costs, there will be shared costs for surveying and geotechnical work. HDR finalizing overflow design and Central Ravine analysis.

Clear Channel Pond:

The City of Cottage Grove closed on the property at the end of December. The former land owner has until May 1st to vacate the property. The SWWD has enacted the 60-day extension to secure funding would have closed around June 15th. The City of Cottage Grove has requested additional time for the former land owner to vacate the property. The SWWD does not have any set timeline for the project therefore the request was granted until August 1st. The SWWD will begin discussions with the City regarding analysis of the downstream system and potential solutions for the upstream portions of the project.

Grey Cloud Island Slough

Staff has discussed restoration of the Grey Cloud Slough with several agencies. All are interested and are willing to continue a discussion to get the project done; however, there is currently no funding. Potential funding sources include the Army Corps of Engineers and National Park Service. The USACE, in partnership with the MnDNR, has a plan in place that would restore the slough with a bridge crossing as part of a larger Pool 2 project. Appropriation of funds is not expected in the immediate future. Additionally, Staff has asked Washington County about potential projects. The SWWD will begin to determine engineering needs to evaluate project needs and technical questions.

Wilmes Ravine:

Construction on the ravine stabilization portion of the project is underway. Construction of the ravine stabilization will be completed first prior to the gates, most likely in the spring after snowmelt. A delay in the gate order has caused this project to be behind schedule. The gates will be delivered at the end of July.

Newport Ravine:

The Ravine project is moving forward, final plans and specs are being presented to the Board for approval. The Board will also authorize advertisement for bid, and consider the agreement for the project with the City of Newport. Right-of-way acquisition is moving forward after some delays.

St. Paul Park:

Nothing new at this time.

Grants:

The Washington Conservation District in cooperation with the SWWD submitted two Clean Water Legacy Grant applications. The first application is for implementation of projects listed in the Powers Lake subwatershed assessment. The second application is for retrofits to the Oakdale Library draining to Armstrong

Lake. Both grants were awarded funding and work will begin to develop work plans. The TOP50P project in the Lower St. Croix watershed is getting underway.

Trout Brook:

The SWWD convened a technical committee for this project on April 28th. The consensus of the group is that the habitat/water quality restoration project best fits in the Clean Water Legacy grant program. Due to the limited area of potential trout habitat the clean water projects are a higher priority and will lead to habitat improvements. The SWWD will be working with Denmark Township, the City of Afton, the State Park and landowners in the sub-watershed to develop specific projects. Staff will also develop a link to the Top50P project with the WCD.

- SWWD Land Acquisition. Administrator Moore included in the board packet an update on the land acquisition for:

SWWD Watershed Overflow:

Washington County is currently working with HDR Engineering, Inc. to develop a scope of services and budget for roadway design. The County will be asking the SWWD to amend our work order to include this roadway design work and provide a coordinated project. The County and SWWD will work cooperatively on right-of-way acquisition.

Clear Channel Pond:

The City of Cottage Grove closed on the property at the end of December. The SWWD has notified the City of Cottage Grove that the 60-day extension has been enacted. The former land owner is requesting additional time to relocate and the City will grant an extension until August 1st. The SWWD is setting a closing for the week of June 13th.

Newport Ravine:

After some delays in survey work and appraisal work the acquisition of right of-way is moving forward. Updated appraisal information and offers will be sent to land owners to allow for the acquisitions to be completed. This has not been a smooth process however at this time the various elements are in place for Mr. Clinton to complete the work.

- 2012 Draft Budget. Administrator Moore reviewed the 2012 draft budget. The 2012 budget will be increasing 5.5%. The increase is due to the addition of the Lower St. Croix sub-watershed area. The public hearing on the proposed 2012 budget will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7pm. Staff will publish notice of the hearing in the South Washington and Woodbury Bulletin Newspapers.
- Washington County CSAH 19/20/22 Agreement. The agreement will provide roadway design services for the CSAH 19/20/22 road realignment project in cooperation with the SWWD Central Draw Overflow project. The SWWD in cooperation with Washington County will provide roadway design services through HDR Engineering, Inc. as a supplement to the contract with HDR for Overflow design services. A final agreement will be prepared for the August 9, 2011 SWWD Board meeting.
- West Draw Update. City of Woodbury, Cottage Grove and SWWD staff have begun discussions regarding flow rates in the West Draw. This issue was originally included in the 1997 SWWD watershed plan and a study was completed by the SWWD in 2005. The study developed a model and established regional assessment points and the boundary between Woodbury and Cottage Grove. A criterion of 25

cfs was established for this location in the 2007 SWWD plan. The City of Woodbury has requested the SWWD and City of Cottage Grove review this criterion in relation to planned future development. The SWWD is providing to the group review of the models and future land use as well as collecting structure elevation data at downstream floodplain locations. The group will be meeting to further discuss the issue.

- Draft MS4 Permit. Administrator Moore reported that the draft MS4 permit comments are due by July 15, 2011. He will be providing comments similar to other watershed districts, to the State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

6. **CD-P85/86 Phase II Restoration Work, Great River Greening**

- The Board reviewed the contract from Great River Greening for the CD-P85/86 restoration work to be completed in 2011-2013. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve the CD-P85/86 phase II restoration work by Great River Greening. Manager Pereira seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **2011 NEMO Contribution**

- After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve support for the NEMO Program in the amount of \$3500.00. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Newport Ravine Right of Way Acquisitions**

- Mr. Jack Clinton provided a summary and agreements for two property owners for the acquisition of right of way for the Newport Ravine project. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve the right of way acquisition agreements for the Germann and Williams's property for the Newport Ravine project. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Adjourn.**

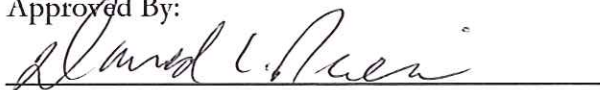
- The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th at 7pm. A motion was made by Manger Johnson to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Manger Pereira seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Imse, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



Mr. Donald Pereira, Secretary



Date