

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday June 14, 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.
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
John Loomis, SWWD Water Resources Technician.

Others:

Jack Clinton, SWWD Attorney
Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District
Judy Spooner, South Washington Bulletin Newspaper

2. **Open Forum**

None.

3. **Consent Agenda**

Items on the Consent Agenda include: May 2011 regular meeting minutes, May Treasurer's Report accounts payable \$119,633.07 receivables \$169.48, 4M fund balance \$13,072,137.91, Calendar Events, Development Reviews, June Cost Share applications, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. Motion was made by Manager Hanna to accept the consent agenda. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Manager's Report.**

- **Manager Johnson-** None.
- **Manager Hanna-** None.
- **Manager Madigan-** None.
- **Manager Lavold-** Manager Lavold reported that the Woodbury Bulletin had an article on the SWWD logo contest.
- **Manager Pereira-** None.

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.

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:

The SWWD will handle acquisition of the necessary land for the entire project in coordination with the City of Newport. This will allow a coordinated effort on all acquisition. This effort continues and has required some minor adjustments Mr. Clinton will provide an update at the time of more progress.

East Ravine Cottage Grove:

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.

- 2011 Cost Share Funds. The 2011 cost share budget was set at \$95,000.00. As of May, staff received 12 applications that will deplete and create a deficit in the 2011 cost share funds. After discussion, the managers would like to continue to fund the 2011 program with fund balance.
- Lower St. Croix Water Management District establishment. Administrator Moore reported that all of documents have been filed with Washington County for creation of the Lower St. Croix Water Management District.

6. Washington County Conservation Plan Presentation, Mr. Jay Riggs

- Mr. Jay Riggs with the Washington Conservation District gave a presentation on the Washington County Conservation Plan. This plan is to help the County prioritize the voter approved Land and Water Legacy funds. The managers discussed the data and priority areas for SWWD.

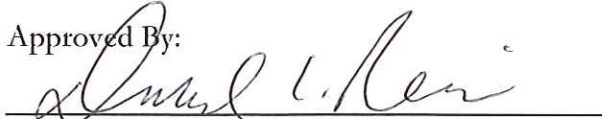
7. **SWWD Education Program**
 - After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve support for the Watershed Partners Program in the amount of \$3500.00. Manager Hanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **2012 SWWD Draft Budget**
 - The managers reviewed the 2012 draft budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to adopt the 2012 SWWD budget schedule and authorize staff to publish notice of the public hearing for the budget. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **2010/2011 Stormwater Utility Abatement**
 - After board discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve resolution #2011-108, stormwater utility abatement for 2010 and 2011. Manager Hanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **SWWD Newport Ravine Project Agreement**
 - After board discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve the Newport Ravine project agreement, final plans and specifications, and authorized advertisements for bids with Jack Clinton suggested edits. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **2011 Broker Certification and New Account Establishment with Northland Securities**
 - After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve the 2011 Broker Certification. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - After review and discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve resolution #2011-109, authorizing an investment account with Pershing, LLC. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Adjourn.**
 - The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12th at 7pm. A motion was made by Manger Hanna to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Manger Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

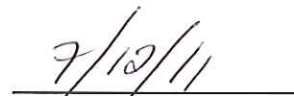


Melissa Imse, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



Mr. Donald Pereira, Secretary



Date