

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday March 8, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Woodbury Public Works Building
2301 Tower Drive, Woodbury, MN

1. Call to Order

Manager Lavold called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
George Weyer, CAC Member

2. Open Forum

Mr. Weyer inquired about spring flooding within the City of Woodbury. Administrator Moore covered this topic under agenda item 5c.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: February 2011 regular meeting minutes, February 2011 CAC meeting minutes, February Treasurer's Report accounts payable \$41,549.30 receivables \$164.07, 4M fund balance \$13,778,127.81, Calendar Events, Development Reviews, February Cost Share, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. Motion was made by Manager Johnson to accept the consent agenda. Manager Hanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager's Report.

- **Manager Johnson-** Manager Johnson reported that he attended the CAC meeting and EMWREP meeting.
- **Manager Hanna-** Manager Hanna reported that he attended the Groundwater meeting and CAC meeting.
- **Manager Madigan-** No Report.
- **Manager Lavold-** No Report.
- **Manager Pereira-** No Report.

5. Administrator Report

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

SWWD Watershed Overflow:

HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) has finishing work on the Central Ravine model in Cottage Grove and now working on validation of the model with monitoring data. Staff and HDR will be meeting with the City of Cottage Grove on March 9th.

Analysis of the existing system is being completed for various low flow conditions. Analysis of the system from 70th to 80th street will evaluate City concept plans for improvements and potential system upgrades. Second evaluation of the system from 80th to 90th will include potential system efficiency improvements. Finally, the system at 90th street will be evaluated for local flooding issues. All evaluations will consider potential downstream impacts or relief. Scopes of service and budgets for the 70th street overflow design and to complete a voluntary EAW for the overflow are on the March Board meeting agenda.

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 will begin discussions with the City regarding analysis of the downstream system and potential solutions for the upstream portions of the project. This project is included in the financing discussion in early 2011.

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. A technical advisory meeting is scheduled for March 29th.

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 City of Newport and the SWWD staff met to discuss land acquisition. Contact with affected land owners is currently underway.

St. Paul Park:

The City of St. Paul Park has submitted both the Deicing Storage Facility and this month the 2011 street project for consideration by the SWWD Board.

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. Administrator Moore will provide regular updates on a monthly basis.

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

SWWD Watershed Overflow:

SWWD Staff have met with the buyer of the Vandenberg property. The sale has been approved by the court and Staff will continue to work with the buyer regarding SWWD Overflow needs at this location. The SWWD will provide a letter outlining the steps to acquire the necessary corridor. A meeting with Washington County to provide a coordinated effort of projects is scheduled for March 9th.

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.

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.

East Ravine Cottage Grove:

The SWWD has been contacted about the possibility of granting an easement for sanitary sewer in the CD-P86 area of the east ravine. Staff is working with the developer and the City of Cottage Grove to determine the alignment and compensation.

Administrator Moore will provide regular updates on a monthly basis.

- Washington County Flood Preparation Update. Washington County convened a meeting with local government units, emergency managers, and non-profit organizations and agencies. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a briefing on the flood forecast. The flooding potential will be most severe along the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers. SWWD will continue to conduct snowpack analysis and monitoring trigger points throughout the district.
- Appoint 2011 Board Personnel Committee. After board discussion, Manager Hanna will be the Personnel Committee Chair, and Manager Johnson will serve as the Assistant Committee Chair. Staff will forward all information to Managers Hanna and Johnson.

6. 2011 Watershed Plan Amendment Public Hearing

- At 6:20 pm Manager Lavold suspended the regular meeting. A motion was made by Manager Johnson to open the public hearing on the Watershed Plan amendments. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously. There was one member from the public present. There were no comments received. At 6:22 pm, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to close the public hearing. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Lavold reconvened the regular meeting. A motion to approve Resolution #2011-102, authorizing submittal of the watershed management plan amendment for 90 day review to BWSR was made by Manager Johnson and seconded by Manager Hanna. Motion carried unanimously.

7. East Mississippi Watershed Funding

- Northland Securities prepared three funding scenarios for the board to review. The bonds will be used to finance the Newport Ravine, Grey Cloud Island Slough, and the Clear Channel pond projects in the East Mississippi watershed area. After review

and discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve resolution #2011-104 approving the issuance of general obligation bonds for \$3,540,000.00 on a 20 year term. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The funds for the project will be taken from the East Mississippi levy dollars.

8. **2010 Stormwater Utility Abatements**

- After review and discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve resolution #2011-103, approving the 2010 stormwater utility abatements. Manager Hanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Central Draw Storage Facility Outlet/Overflow Project**

- HDR Engineering, Inc provided scope of services and budget for the design of the 70th Street portion of the overflow project and the voluntary EAW. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve the EAW for the overflow project. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve the 70th Street outlet/overflow design. Manager Hanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Adjourn.**

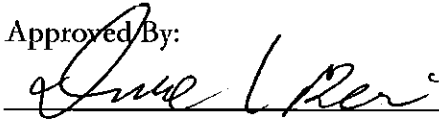
- The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm. A motion was made by Manger Hanna to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Manger Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Imse, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



Mr. Donald Pereira, Secretary

4/12/11

Date