

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday November 13, 2012
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: Under Administrators Report, Item 5i-EAW Meeting

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

John Loomis. SWWD Water Resources Specialist

Melissa Imse, SWWD Administrative Assistant

Others:

Jack Clinton, SWWD Attorney

Jim Stoker, CAC Member

2. Open Forum

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: October 9, 2012 Regular Board meeting minutes, October Treasurer's Report accounts payable \$361,895.48 receivables \$14,814.85, 4M fund balance \$16,047,270.94, 2011 GO Bond Balance \$1,522,937.37, Calendar Events, Development Reviews, WCA Reviews, 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 Lavold-** No report.
- **Manager Hanna-** Manager Hanna reported that he attended the SWWD EAW meeting.
- **Manager Johnson-** Manager Johnson reported that he attended the Metro MAWD meeting, Water Consortium meeting, and EMWREP meeting. Manager Johnson reported that his SWWD Board member appointment expires May of 2013. He expressed interest in being re-appointed, and will be meeting with the City of Woodbury and the Washington County Commissioners.
- **Manager Madigan-** No report.
- **Manager Pereira-** No report.

5. Administrator Report

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

SWWD Watershed Overflow:

The County and the SWWD presented offers to the landowners for right-of-way acquisition in September. HDR Engineering has submitted the 60% set of plans to the County and the SWWD. A cost estimate based on these plans for the overflow construction. The EAW has been updated and finalized, the SWWD will attempt to coordinate a pre-submittal meeting with the Met Council, MPCA, Cities and the County.

Clear Channel Pond:

The key is that the connection will be made to the ravine to facilitate future development of the property. Stantec is beginning design work on the project with the goal to have some public input and information with the City in January. The goal is to construct the project in 2013.

Grey Cloud Island Slough

SWWD has received the final feasibility study from Houston Engineering. The study includes updated cost estimates reflecting increased costs due to geotechnical constraints. Staff will continue to work with our partners to pursue funding for the project.

Newport Ravine:

Project completed, the SWWD is waiting to process the final payment for the project.

Trout Brook:

SWWD secured a FY 2012 Clean Water Fund grant for installation of priority BMPs throughout the Trout Brook watershed. Staff anticipates ~\$30,000 of those funds will be used to construct a sediment basin on Trout Brook upstream of Afton Alps ski area this fall/winter as a precursor to restoration work within the ski area. Remaining funds ~\$70,000 will be used to target priority projects identified through WCD's Top50P! project. WCD outreach for the additional projects is underway. H.R. Green has recently completed a retrofit scoping/feasibility study for the Afton Alps ski area. The study identifies several options for restoring habitat in Trout Brook and reducing sediment and phosphorus export to Trout Brook and Lake St. Croix. Staff submitted a Clean Water Fund grant application for FY2013 funding. Grant funds will be necessary to implement the recommended improvements.

Colby Lake Neighborhood Retrofit CWF:

SWWD secured a FY2012 Clean Water Fund grant for its Colby Lake Neighborhood Retrofit project. The project will result in installation of 25 curb cut raingardens in the Colby 1st Addition. The project is expected to remove approximately 100 lbs of phosphorus from the existing system and reduce annual delivered to Colby Lake by over 10 lbs. Installation is underway. Construction of the 11 fall project sites is complete and the contractor has been working to wrap up loose ends for the fall. 12 additional sites will be constructed in the spring following utility relocation. Homeowners are responsible for planting the gardens with plants provided by SWWD.

Powers Lake Water Quality

Houston Engineering, Inc has prepared an estimate to prepare and implement an alum treatment at Powers Lake. The City of Woodbury has indicated an interest in pursuing the alum treatment in cooperation with SWWD. Staff will continue to research treatment options and develop a proposal for the Board and City to

80th Street Drainage Improvements

The box culvert and pipe work is complete, temporary fencing has been established for the winter. The trail and pond work along with restoration will be completed in the spring. 80th street has been reopened.

- MAWD Resolutions and Nomination of Delegates to the MAWD Annual Meeting. The MAWD Annual Conference is November 29-December 1 2012. The Managers reviewed the proposed MAWD Resolutions. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Lavold to appoint Manager Johnson and Manager Hanna as the SWWD voting delegates and Manager Lavold as the voting alternate delegate for the MAWD Annual Conference. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Land Leases. The Managers reviewed the 2013 Land Leases for the areas being farmed in CD-P86. Staff prepared one-year leases to provide for pending development in the areas of Cottage Grove around CD-P86 south. Potentially, the Goebel lease will be pulled back based on proposed development of the adjacent property. Manager Hanna would like the 2013 land leases to include a combined single limit insurance coverage of \$1,000,000.00. The Burandt lease has been reduced over the past 3-4 years due to the prairie restoration work being completed. In 2012 the Great River Greening will plant the remaining acres currently in agricultural production. Therefore Mr. Burandt will not be farming CD-P86 in 2013. Originally Mr. Burandt was farming 40 acres, since the restoration work started total acreage has been reduced to 19 acres in 2012. Since Mr. Burandt will not be farming any area of CD-P86 beginning in 2013. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to forgive the 2012 land lease rent in the amount of \$1,056.60 for Mr. Burandt. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- SWWD Apparel Policy. The Managers reviewed the District Apparel Policy for the purchase and wearing of SWWD apparel. The policy is intended to provide Board member and Staff with the options to purchase and wear SWWD apparel when conducting district business or attending meetings, conferences, etc. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve the SWWD Apparel Policy. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Staff will provide an apparel order form.
- BMP Inspection Report-WCD. The Washington Conservation District provided a BMP Inspection Report. The Managers reviewed the report.
- Washington County Land and Water Legacy list. Washington County has requested a list of potential projects to be included in the next phase of the Land and Water Legacy Program. The SWWD has provided a list of projects for consideration and will work with County Staff on the details of each project.
- Lake Elmo Comprehensive Plan Comments. In October 2012 the SWWD provided comments to the City of Lake Elmo regarding the amendment to the comprehensive plan that alters the land use along the I-94 corridor. Since the submittal of comments an email was received by the SWWD and the City of Woodbury. The SWWD has provided the requested materials and the City of Woodbury responded to the email.
- Colby Lake Aerator Project Update. The SWWD is working with the City of Woodbury and the DNR to install an aerator in Colby Lake. Original estimates for installing an electrical service were \$2,500.00. The electrician estimate is \$7,500.00. The City is requesting additional funding of \$5,000.00 for installation of the electrical service. Total cost not to exceed \$15,000 for installation.
- EAW Meeting. The SWWD Board will be moving the regular January Board meeting to Tuesday, January 15, 2012. This meeting will include the Board's Notice

of Decision to EQB, EAW Distribution List members, and any other substantive commenters on the EAW.

6. **SWWD 2012 Financial Audit**

- The Managers reviewed the 2012 auditing services letter provided by HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve 2012 financial auditing services provided by HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. in the amount of \$13,300.00. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Blue Thumb Program**

- The Board reviewed the 2013 Blue Thumb Partners' Agreement. A motion was made by Manager Hanna to approve the 2013 Blue Thumb Partners' agreement and \$1500.00 contribution. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow, Resolution #2012-111**

- The Managers reviewed Resolution #2012-111 authorizing submittal of the Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow Environmental Assessment Worksheet to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB). The EAW will be noticed in the EQB Monitor November 26th. A 30-day public comment period will be completed December 26th. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve Resolution #2012-111 authorizing submittal of the Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow EAW to the EQB. Manager Hanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Top 50P! Project Agreements-Washington Conservation District**

- The Washington Conservation District has identified several Top50P! projects that is ready for implementation. These projects were identified as some of the highest sources of total phosphorus in the Lake St. Croix basin. The bulk of the funding for these projects is provided by a grant secured by WCD. SWWD has budgeted funds to provide the necessary match for the projects. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve the Top 50P agreements for Charles Johnson, Ralph and Tom Pugh, and Walter Mills. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Adjourn**

- The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 11th at 7pm. A motion was made by Manager Hanna to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Manager Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Imse, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



Mr. Donald Pereira, Secretary



Date