

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
VADNAIS LAKE AREA WATER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
VLAWMO

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August 8, 2007

ATTENDING:

Paul Emeott, Chair	Gem Lake
Donna Carlson	Lino Lakes
George Rux, Treasurer	North Oaks
Marc Johannsen	Vadnais Heights
Darryl LeMire, Vice Chair	White Bear Lake
Bill Mample	White Bear Township

Also Attending: Joel Schilling, Schilling Consulting, Mark Sather, WBL, Paul Peterson, WBT, Neil Franey, WBL.

Paul Emeott, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Agenda A motion was made by Bill Mample, Darryl LeMire to approve the agenda as printed. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Minutes. A motion was made by Johannsen, seconded by LeMire to approve the minutes as printed. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report A motion was made by Darryl LeMire, seconded by Bill Mample accept the Year to Date Treasurer's Report. The new format was easier to find needed information.

Joint Powers Agreement

The Amendments as recommended by the subcommittee of Board members Rux, Johannsen, and Emeott, legal counsel and staff were presented by the Chair, Paul Emeott. Amending the Joint Powers Agreement requires the approval of all signing communities. Joel Schilling reviewed the land uses exempt from Strom Water Utility fees and annual budget cap in the SWU amendment language. Mark Sather asked why Agriculture was being exempted. He understood that that agricultural land use could be a significant source of nutrients to surface water. NRCS curve numbers indicated a relatively low rate for agriculture. After discussion the Board directed agricultural land use to not be exempt. A motion was made by Bill Mample, seconded by George Rux to recommend the JPA amendments to the communities for authorization.

2008 Budget

George Rux mentioned questions came up at his City Council meeting on how to pay for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). North Oaks is recommending that the affected

subwatershed or city pay more than the whole subwatershed. He offered a slide summary. A 50 - 50 split was suggested, that would mean 50% of the cost could be borne by the subwatershed and the other 50% paid by the whole VLAWMO watershed. Mark Sather suggested VLAWMO set up the budget like a municipal budget. Audit costs can they be reduced by a variety of options.

Project update. Staff reported on Lambert creek project status, the water monitoring program and the Birch Lake efforts.

Directors reports

Public Comment – It was recommended to go back to the Water Utility and re-involve them. Paul Peterson budget came in much higher. Better job estimating costs. SPRWS John Blackstone, SPRWS noted that Lambert Creek provided 5% of water, 40% nutrients to Vadnais Lake.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Stephanie McNamara for the Secretary.