

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VADNAIS LAKE AREA WATER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
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June 17, 2009

ATTENDING:

Robert Uzpen	Gem Lake
Marty Long	North Oaks
<i>absent</i>	Lino Lakes
<i>absent</i>	Vadnais Heights
Dan Jones	White Bear Lake
Bill Mample	White Bear Township

Stephanie McNamara	VLAWMO Administrator
Kristine Lampert	VLAWMO Project Coordinator
Brian Corcoran	VLAWMO Water Resources Technician
Kathryn Smith	VLAWMO Intern

I. Call to Order was made at 7:00 pm by Vice-Chair Jones.

II. Approval of Agenda

McNamara asked to add item to V. c regarding Ramsey Conservation District well sealing program.

A motion was made by Uzpen & seconded by Mample to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

III. Approval of April 15, 2009 Minutes

A motion was made by Mample & seconded by Uzpen to approve the April 15, 2009 minutes. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

IV. Technical Commission Report to the Board

A. Activity Summary

B. Recommendations to the Board

C. Financial Summary

V. Treasurer's Report

A. 2010 Budget Approval

VLAWMO staff was asked to create a budget with a 0% increase to see where cuts could be made. The report was presented showing where the cuts could be made and the reasoning why the budget should be approved as presented. The Technical Evaluation Commission has recommended approval of the 2010 budget as presented.

A motion was made by Long & seconded by Uzpen to approve 2010 budget as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. VLAWMO's role in development of Sustainable Lake Management Plans (SLMPs)/Gilfillan Lake question

VLAWMO presented a report regarding activity with the Gilfillan Homeowners as part of the SLMP process Homeowners had major concerns regarding the low lake levels. VLAWMO has worked with consulting firm, Wenck to study Gilfillan's lake level. Staff is looking to Board for direction in regards to pursuing augmentation options for the lake and precedence setting. TEC has recommended that VLAWMO act as an idea group and present options to the homeowners but should NOT assume a leadership role in pursuing augmentation options. Board is in consensus with this recommendation. Board directs VLAWMO to make this clear at the next meeting. Board discussed idea of making a policy directive regarding this.

B. Consultant use discussion/direction

Stephanie described how VLAWMO has used various consulting groups for different projects. Some watersheds retain one company. Staff is looking for direction as to whether the Board would prefer one method over the other. Board stated that VLAWMO should continue using multiple firms.

C. Ramsey Conservation District funding request for well sealing program

A request has been received from RCD to participate in a well sealing grant program. RCD is asking for \$5000 from VLAWMO to take part in the program. This would cover the cost of sealing approximately 5 wells. VLAWMO does not currently have this in the budget so is looking to the Board for direction. If we do not participate, a person from the VLAWMO area would not be eligible for a grant. Discussion from the Board that since it is not in the 2010 budget, we could address this with the 2011 budget but not in 2010 although we are interested but have not had time to fully consider it with the 2010 budget. The item has been tabled until the 2011 budget.

VII. Report from the Chair – nothing

VIII. Administrator's Report – nothing

IX. Directors Reports – Jones wanted to tell VLAWMO staff that they did a good job at the Fishing Opener. Mample thinks VLAWMO's raingarden efforts are paying off and people are gaining more interest in them

X. Next meeting date: August 19

XI. Public Comment – none

XII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Long & seconded by Mample to adjourn at 8:15p,. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert