

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VADNAIS LAKE AREA WATER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
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August 19, 2009

ATTENDING:

Robert Uzpen	Gem Lake
Marty Long (arrived at 7:45pm)	North Oaks
<i>absent</i>	Lino Lakes
Marc Johannsen	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
Jeanne Vogt	Ehlers & Associates
Shelly Eldridge	Ehlers & Associates
Eli Rupnow	Emmons & Olivier Resources

I. Call to Order was made at 7:02 pm by Chair Johannsen.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of June 17, 2009 Minutes

Request from Stephanie to change the April minutes so that the motion to approve the 2010 Budget is actually made into Resolution 1-2009.

A motion was made by Mample & seconded by Jones to approve the June 17, 2009 minutes as amended. Vote: 3 aye, Johannsen abstained. Motion passed.

IV. Technical Commission Report to the Board

Johannsen asked if a representative from the TEC was here to present the report. There was no representative at the meeting.

A motion was made by Mample & seconded by Jones to receive the Technical Commission Report to the Board. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report

Review of the Treasurer's Report. Johannsen asked to change how grants were shown on the report. Currently shows up as a negative which it shouldn't. Mample has asked that there be some notation for some of the irregularities on the spreadsheet. There was discussion that the presentation of the Treasurer's Report be changed to better reflect the budget status. There are

line items that appear that we are far over budget when that is not the case. Staff will modify the format of the Financial summary to better reflect the status of actual vs. budget.

VI. New Business

A. 2010 Storm Sewer Utility Rate Approval

Jeanne Vogt gave a short presentation about the determination of the 2010 SSU rate. The SSU has been a success in terms of better use of staff time. The proposed rate is the same as 2009 - \$24.72 despite an increase in the 2010 budget due to the increase in the number of parcels that can be charged. The boundary line for VLAWMO has been realigned which increased the number of parcels within the area by just over 1500. This allowed for a 15% increase in the budget which is being used for program support.

A motion was made by Mample & seconded by Uzpen to adopt Resolution 2-2009 (attached): The Board of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization has received the rate analysis for the Storm Sewer Utility for the budget year 2010. The rates as set out in the attached schedule are hereby approved. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

B. Whitaker Pond

Stephanie gave a status report for this project and introduced Eli Rupnow. It has been difficult to bring the stakeholders on the project to agree on a plan to move forward and for future maintenance. Eli Rupnow has been working on the project for VLAWMO. Jones discussed White Bear Lake's view of the plans up to this point and would like to see more options with more focus upstream of the pond. Mample stated that the Township wants to see the best option with the best cost effectiveness for this project. Stephanie is asking the Board for some direction. Should we have another stakeholder meeting to discuss some more options? If we explore the options, we will need to have more soil borings and research which will cost more for the engineering. Jones stated that at the current state of the plan, the White Bear Lake City Engineer will not give the thumbs up and the Council will not approve.

EOR did a feasibility study and asked the stakeholders to give any ideas. The feasibility study was completed and the VLAWMO TEC agreed to move ahead with the option that is currently been worked on. WBL City Engineer agrees that the work as currently drawn needs to be done but he is concerned about effectiveness and long term maintenance.

Johannsen wants VLAWMO to push ahead to complete this project and to give a little bit more time to get all the stakeholders. Johannsen does not want to continue going back and forth on this project.

Staff recommendation. Up to \$10,000 is needed to get the other options explored and plans drawn up. Stephanie is asking the board to authorize the Change Order allowing more engineering to analyze and outline additional options. Funds would be considered part of the set amount VLAWMO has already dedicated for this project.

One thing that was made very clear with the stakeholders is that VLAWMO will not be responsible for future major maintenance of the site.

Mample would like the Board to authorize enough money so that the project can be planned so as to meet with the stakeholders needs. Uzpen stated that the only way he wants to see this project again in October is to hear about it moving forward with construction or else VLAWMO should walk away from this project. Jones agrees that the project either has to be ready to move ahead by the October meeting or VLAWMO is done putting money towards it.

A motion was made by Mample and seconded by Jones to authorize up to \$10,000 for continued engineering on the Whitaker Pond project with Stephanie authorized by the Board to tell the stakeholders that if there must be consensus on a plan by the October 21 Board meeting or else VLAWMO will withdraw from this project. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

There was discussion about how often this pond would need to be cleaned out? Johannsen asked Rupnow if it would need it every 5 years. Rupnow said it was possible. Johannsen asked if there would be a problem with easements to work on this project. Jones said that it shouldn't be a problem with WBL is concerned.

C. JPA Legal Description Amendment – status in the communities. This amendment will be appearing on the August and September meeting agendas for ratification.

- VII.** Report from the Chair – Johannsen stated that he would be willing to have a special Board meeting if needed to assist in getting the Whitaker Pond project to move ahead.
- VIII.** Administrator's Report – Stephanie was informed that the MPCA would like to take the new Assistant Commissioner to see Lambert Lake this fall. Stephanie has also been approached by Grass Lake Water Management Organization for assistance with their programs. Stephanie will continue to talk to them about their needs and if VLAWMO can provide help.
- IX.** Directors Reports – Mample stated that VLAWMO will have a booth at the WB Township Festival and invites the Board members to attend.
- X.** Next meeting date: October 21
- XI.** Public Comment – none
- XII.** Adjourn

A motion was made by Uzpen & seconded by Jones to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert