

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission  
Minutes  
July 25, 2007**

**Attending:**

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| Paul Peterson,   | White Bear Township, Chair |
| Neil Franey      | White Bear Lake            |
| Mark Graham      | Vadnais Heights, alternate |
|                  | Lino Lakes                 |
| Paul Emeott      | Gem Lake, alternate        |
| John Youngstrom, | North Oaks                 |

Others in attendance: Joel Schilling, Schilling Consulting, John Blackstone, SPRWS; Kristine Lampert & Stephanie McNamara, VLAWMO

**Water Matters** – Was postponed until next month.

**Agenda** Paul Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:05. It was moved and seconded by Youngstrom and Franey to approve the agenda as printed. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**Minutes** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June meeting of the VLAWMO Technical Commission. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**Finance Report.**

It was moved and seconded by Franey and Graham to approve the Financial report with the corrections discussed and the checks as listed for July. This was the second report generated by Humphrey Bookkeeping. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**New Business**

**Storm Water Utility feasibility study.** Kristine Lampert went over the recommended boundary changes which have been reviewed with topographic contours, stormsewers and site visits. It was moved and seconded by Franey and Graham to approach other watersheds with the other boundary changes and discuss the boundary change petition process with them. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Joel Shilling presented updated memo on land use classifications. Many of the classifications are similar to Vadnais Heights. The number of classifications is much reduced from those in the MetroGIS database. He discussed single family residential includes 1 – 2 units; multi family is 3+ units. Definitions of each of the land use classifications were discussed. The memo also included recommended exempt land uses: open space, parks, road and railroad right of way. The Commission also considered a recommendation of how to classify SPRWS land area under the Storm Water Utility. John Blackstone, SPRWS that charging for that public land is, in effect, double taxed. He noted that most of the SPRWS land is in a natural state which would help protect and

clean the water. They have been instrumental in water quality improvement projects over the years. SPRWS remains interested in working with VLAWMO. It was moved and seconded by Franey and Graham to accept the classifications with the exception of the SPRWS (public utility) land will be considered open space with the isthmus containing the intake building and parking to be considered institutional as is consistent with other publicly held land.

**Watershed Monitoring Program.** The 2007 monitoring program mid summer report from intern, Jake Ruzsa was presented. Dissolved oxygen and temperature are two new elements this year, made possible by additional staff and the canoe. A table with dates and lakes was part of the report. Results should be available at the next meeting. Lambert sampling data was discussed which includes weekly readings and storm event data. Graphed information in preliminary analysis will be discussed next month. The deadline for the 2008 Impaired Waters list was last summer. Data collected this summer and submitted to STORET may impact the 2010 Impaired Waters List.

**Lower Lambert and Flume replacement.**

Six of the affected neighbors had attended the Lower Lambert and flume replacement meeting last night. Mitch Johnson of EOR presented preliminary designs for the stabilization and replacement project. The neighbors had questions, but were receptive. Follow up with other key neighbors will be needed.

**Birch Lake Sustainable Lake Management Plan**

Steve McComas will be contacted to determine the status of his work and any further cooperation this summer.

**“Partnership: It’s Our Watershed” Education Summit.** The draft agenda and budget were reviewed. A motion was moved and seconded by Graham and Franey to approve the use of \$1500 from the education budget and change the date to October. Vote: all aye. Motion passed. After discussion, keeping the suggested fee of \$50 was recommended.

**Change in the Meeting time** The current time has become problematic for several commissioners. It was moved and seconded by Graham and Franey to change the meeting date and time to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 in the morning. Vote: all with Peterson abstaining. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM