

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission  
Minutes  
October 19, 2007**

**Attending:**

Paul Peterson, Neil Franey	White Bear Township, Chair White Bear Lake Vadnais Heights
Jim Studenski Gretchen Artig-Swomley John Youngstrom	Lino Lakes Gem Lake North Oaks

Others in attendance: Kristine Lampert & Stephanie McNamara, VLAWMO, Joe Fox, RCD Chair; John Blackstone, SPRWS

**Agenda** Paul Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:40am. It was moved and seconded by Artig and Franey to approve the agenda as printed. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**Minutes** Change language on Page 3 of 9/26 Meeting minutes to, “water plan WILL be changed”.

It was moved and seconded by Youngstrom and Artig to approve the minutes of the September meeting of the VLAWMO Technical Commission with the correction made. Vote: all aye, Motion passed.

**Finance Report**

Stephanie reviewed the report and explained the legal costs which have gone over the budget. Discussion regarding the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure letter that some VLAWMO Board and Commissioner members have received. Studenski asked if we can start reconciling items so that we are not showing and overrun in the budget. It was moved and seconded by Studenski and Youngstrom to approve the financial report with the corrections discussed and the checks as listed for October. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

**CWP Grant Elements**

Pre-bid meeting on Tuesday October 16 for Lambert Creek flumes and restoration work. 3 potential bidders came to the meeting and 7 plans have been picked up at EOR; there are potentially up to 9 bidders. Bid opening will be on Monday at 1pm with EOR and Stephanie. It was recommended that Stephanie look into whether we will be asking for a “bid bond” from the contractor – it is usually 5% and may be coming in with the bids on Monday.

Informational letter have gone out to all the neighbors – Graham helped out to make sure the letters were clear. We are asking for the neighbors to sign the letter and send back as a receipt.

### **Birch Lake Sustainable Lake Management Plan**

Kristine went over the summary of the resident survey and there was discussion about the SLMP SCOPE and that Steve McComas was interested in taking a contract to assist with the SLMP.

### **Monitoring Program**

Nothing to report – waiting for data from Ramsey Co Water Lab.

### **Stormwater Utility**

Still working on getting it all organized for the initial billing. Board authorized on 10/4 that we proceed with the issuing the initial billing. Board will also meet on 10/24 to approve our SWU rules which were taken from the City of Vadnais Heights SWU billings. Peterson recommends that we get another press release saying the billings will go out as planned. Also discussion about having an open house for the SWU – City of WBL has requested a meeting that we hope can be open to all in VLAWMO. Rux of North Oaks gave a presentation at the North Oaks City Council and will have an article in the NO paper.

Moved and seconded by Franey and Youngstrom to recommend that the Board contact Legislators to get statutory language changed so that VLAWMO can be included in the County billings with initial bills and that the Board start working on this it before the session gets begins.

Youngstrom wants to make a line item on the Board agenda to have TEC Recommendations.

### **Watershed Partnership Summit**

Evaluations of the summit are very positive. There was a lot of work and not a lot of paying customers but it is still very valuable for VLAWMO to engage in this sort of activity for PR and to connect with our communities and network.

Franey suggests writing up an objective/mission statement so that we can focus on how successful the summit was. Peterson recommends doing an ad in the local papers for future summits. Franey suggests writing something up to the local papers.

### **New Business.**

Should the TEC have a mission statement? Youngstrom will write a draft for the next meeting.

### **Reports/Projects/Possible Action**

#### **Cost Share Program**

none

**Lambert Lake – Water Resources Conference** – Stephanie and Dave Schuler, SPRWS will be making a presentation about the Lambert Lake work at the Water Resources Conference next week.

**Water Plan**

none

**Watershed Modeling Update**

We recently received the final model report from Della at HDR but have not had a chance to look at it yet. We will have a training session with HDR to learn how to better utilize this tool in SLMPs and identifying other places and things that we need to study and monitor.

**WCA Activity**

none

**Commissioner Reports**

none

**Administration Report**

none

**Public Comment**

none

**Remaining meeting dates for 2007**

TEC meets on 11/16 & 12/21 at 7:30am for 2007

Board meets on 10/24 at 7pm with no other meetings on the schedule for 2007.

Moved by Franey and Youngstrom to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9am.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert.