

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission  
Minutes  
November 16, 2007**

**Attending:**

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

Others in attendance: Kristine Lampert & Stephanie McNamara, VLAWMO, John Blackstone, SPRWS

**Agenda** Paul Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:35am. It was moved and seconded by Artig-Swomley and Franey to approve the agenda as printed. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**Minutes** It was moved and seconded by Youngstrom and Artig-Swomley to approve the minutes of the October meeting of the VLAWMO Technical Commission as printed. Vote: all aye, Motion passed.

**Finance Report**

Stephanie reviewed the monthly report and the Storm sewer utility costs were discussed. The first billing of the utility fee has cost the watershed about \$10,000, not including substantial staff time. Final payment was being made on the watershed model. The 3-month CD will become mature and will be rolled over for another 3 months. It was moved and seconded by Franey 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 - Lambert Creek work**

The contractor will be starting work after December 1<sup>st</sup> and has until the end of December to complete drainage stabilization work at Kohler Road, the redesign of the storm pond on Thomas Ct. and the installation of the new flumes at sites #1 & #3. A preconstruction meeting will be held before work starts.

**Birch Lake Sustainable Lake Management Plan**

The Scope of service has been worked out with Steve McComas of Blue Water Science was reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the Scope of service as printed. All aye. Motion passed. A first workshop with VLAWMO, the Birch Lake Improvement District and Steve McComas will be held in December.

**Monitoring Program**

The data has been received from Ramsey Co Water Lab and will be reviewed. The 2006 monitoring report will be generated over the winter.

**Stormwater Utility**

The telephone response from the public has been substantial, overwhelming the city hall phone system for the first two days of the billing period. The telephone system was adjusted and an automatic message on the general number has helped considerably. The number of payments coming in has exceeded expectations. We already have received more than one third of the payments, with the daily mail bringing in another box of payments. Kris has been very efficient in entering payments, and we have asked Marilyn Humphrey to come in and assist with deposits. A number of changes for next year are being identified in this first time effort and will be collected in an evaluation report.

**New Business.**

**Reports/Projects/Possible Action**

**Cost Share Program - none**

**Water Plan**

The Water Plan will be present to the Metro Committee of BWSR on November 28. We hope they will recommend approval. If so, the Water Plan will be on the December BWSR Board agenda for final approval. The VLAWMO Board may then adopt the Plan as the final step at their December meeting.

**WCA Activity**

Wetland delineations in several areas of the watershed are being reviewed and approved by the WCA TEP. The Tech commission will review applications for approval when they are submitted. Ramsey County has requested the wetland banking application, submitted in 1996 and conditionally approved by VLAWMO in 2000 for deposit into the State wetland bank be reconsidered by final deposit. The outstanding conditions from 2000 were not met and the deposit was never completed. BWSR has advised us this deposit can still be completed and should be considered under 1996 Rules. More information will be coming to you when the information required in the conditions have been met: deed recording, proof of ownership, as-built survey, and planting plan for habitat replacement. The county plans to re-delineate the area.

**Commissioner Reports - none**

**Administration Report - none**

**Public Comment - none**

**Remaining meeting dates for 2007**

TEC meets on 12/21 at 7:30am for 2007. Board meets on 12/19/07 at 7pm.

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

Minutes compiled and submitted by Stephanie McNamara.