

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization**  
**Technical Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**July 18, 2008**

**Attending:**

Paul Peterson	White Bear Township, Chair
Neil Franey	White Bear Lake
Mark Graham	Vadnais Heights
<i>absent</i>	Lino Lakes
Paul Emeott	Gem Lake
John Youngstrom	North Oaks

Others in attendance: Stephanie McNamara, Kristine Lampert, Brian Henderson, VLAWMO; John Blackstone, St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS)

**Agenda** Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:35 am. Stephanie asked to remove Item 6.a.2. It was moved and seconded by Graham & Emeott to approve the agenda. Vote: all aye. Motion Passed

**Minutes** It was moved and seconded by Franey & Youngstrom to approve the minutes of the June meeting of the VLAWMO Technical Commission. Vote: all aye. Motion passed. Graham abstained due to last month's absence.

**Old Business**

**A. Storm Sewer Utility recommendations for 2008-2009**

1. Credit Program – Stephanie reviewed the updated draft where there is more detail regarding how much credit can be given based on the amount of area treated as well as if they have implemented a more expensive project (greater than \$10,000). Questions from TEC regarding the language – it still seems confusing and Peterson asks if we are in danger of making this more complicated than it needs to be. Graham thinks we should adopt it and if we have to make additional changes once we start using it, then we can address it later. Some confusion regarding the term “treatment”. Discussion and explanation by Blackstone and Stephanie. Guidance will be included regarding the term. It was moved and seconded by Emeott & Franey to recommend the draft to the Board with the changed masde. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**Programs & Projects – possible action**

**A. Monitoring Program Update**

Kristine explained that the storm samplers have been installed. Hendy reviewed latest e.coli results and Lambert Creek flow data.

**B. Cost Share Program**

1. Randy Erickson application  
It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom to approve the application. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

2. Heritage Hall Raingarden

Raingarden will be put in this weekend by the Boy Scout who has been approved for a cost share grant. VLAWMO purchased erosion control blanket which cost \$550 due to continued erosion issues. It was moved & seconded by Franey & Youngstrom to approve the erosion blanket cost, after the fact. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**C. Lambert Lake Update**

Plants are growing well; still waiting for SPRWS to remove the culvert.

**D. Whitaker Pond Update**

Soil samples were tested and preliminary results show high levels of copper and other compounds which will require a Tier III disposal per the PCA. This is the most expensive disposal.

**E. Lambert Creek TMDL Update**

Peterson has volunteered to help with the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) as a sort of unpaid internship and will talk with Stephanie after the meeting to determine what the next steps for him should be.

**F. Public Education Program Update**

The final draft of the brochure was handed out. Stephanie spoke about the Environmental Award and the idea of naming it after Jim Johnston and perhaps giving him the first award. Graham also said that the Heritage Hall raingarden could be a candidate. The Birch Lake Improvement District (BLID) is another option.

**G. Sustainable Lake Management Plans**

Hendy & Kris reviewed activities over the last month.

**H. Watershed Boundary Update**

VLAWMO met with BWSR to determine what exactly was needed for the petitions. We have to get concurrence from our municipalities and neighboring watersheds with the petition. Stephanie hopes to get the petition out to the communities today or early next week to get the process moving. Graham suggests a simple cover letter and explanation to the City Councils.

**Reports**

**A. Financial**

Stephanie reviewed the July report. Emeott suggested that we need to diversify VLAWMO's money for FDIC protection. Stephanie said she would make our account a 4M account which provides more protection for government. It was moved and seconded by Graham and Youngstrom to approve the report and authorize checks for payment. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**B. WCA Activity**

Hillary Farms, Gem Lake, and Presbyterian Homes in North Oaks want to have the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) look at their mitigation so that they can stop their monitoring. Another site that will be coming up is a proposed Sports Complex in Vadnais Heights. There are also 2 enforcement actions in Lino Lakes near Amelia Lake.

**New Business**

**A. IT projector proposal**

Brian researched for a projector for VLAWMO so that we can share information in a more efficient way. VLAWMO has always relied on outside generosity to loan a projector. It would be easier and more efficient to buy our own projector. Brian found 3 different projectors that could work and VLAWMO is asking for approval of up to \$650 from the Education Budget to purchase the projector and cable. It was moved and seconded by Graham & Emeott to approve up to \$650 for the purchase of a projector and accessories. All aye. Motion passed.

**Commissioner Reports**

Graham said that the City received a request from a resident in VH who is an engineer to serve on the TEC. Graham asked her to come to the next meeting and she can become an alternate.

**Administrator Report – Policy Manual Update**

Stephanie is asking for help to change the limit of what VLAWMO staff can spend. Graham has volunteered to help with personnel updates. Franey volunteered as well.

**Public Comment - None**

**Adjourn**

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Franey to adjourn at 9:15am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert.