

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Technical Commission Minutes
December 19, 2008**

Attending:

Paul Peterson	White Bear Township (WBT), Chair
Neil Franey	White Bear Lake (WBL)
Mark Graham	Vadnais Heights (VH)
<i>Absent</i>	Lino Lakes (LL)
<i>Absent</i>	Gem Lake (GL)
John Youngstrom	North Oaks (NO)

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

I. Call to Order Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

II. Approval of Agenda

Stephanie has asked to move the White Bear Public Works application discussion up to item IV., D. and that an item be added under V., F. for the presentation of the 2008 Annual Monitoring Report.

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion Passed.

III. Minutes

Youngstrom asks that it be mentioned that he contacted VLAWMO after the meeting to state that he was not necessarily in favor of VLAWMO putting up 50% of the cost for Whittaker Pond project.

It was moved and seconded by Franey & Graham to approve the minutes of the November meeting of the VLAWMO Technical Commission. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. Report by Paul Peterson and Neil Franey regarding their travels to Africa and the Far East, respectively

B. VLAWMO Draft Rules – Della Young

Della presented the draft of the Rules & Regulations for VLAWMO. The rules from a few other Water Management Organizations (WMOs) were researched to establish the foundation of the rules. We have had one staff meeting to review the first draft and mark the areas that we wanted the TEC to review. Those highlighted areas were discussed.

It was moved and seconded by Franey & Graham to recommend the discussed changes to the Rules & Regulations and move forward with presenting the proposed rules to the Board of Directors. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

C. Ramsey Co GIS User Group Application

It was moved & seconded by Graham & Franey to approve the request to join the Ramsey County GIS User Group and pay the initiation and annual fee. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

D. White Bear Public Works wetland application

Using the new construction standards, the TEC did an exercise where they examined the proposed construction of the new White Bear Public Works site. There was discussion of the classification of VLAWMO wetlands (light management vs. moderate management) and how these need to be reassessed. There is concern that they are barely meeting VLAWMO's standards at this site. Della Young reviewed the plans and has made comments from an engineering consultant standpoint.

It was moved & seconded by Graham & Franey that based on the site constraints and the fact that the City currently owns the property, VLAWMO recommends approval of alternative buffers based on the classifications of moderate management for Sobota Slough and light management of the eastern wetland with appropriate alternative standards. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

V. **Programs & Projects – possible action**

A. Whitaker Pond Project

We had a stakeholders meeting where VLAWMO proposed paying for 50% of the work needed at Whitaker Pond. Consensus is still needed among the stakeholders as to how to pay for the rest of the project and creating a maintenance plan. There has been conflicting opinions between the City of White Bear Lake and Ramsey County as to how much each should be responsible for and this is still not resolved. Graham suggests we write a letter stating what VLAWMO needs next from the stakeholders if this project will move forward (state what VLAWMO will pay and that there is a deadline of May for the stakeholders to determine what they will pay.) *It was moved & seconded by Graham & Franey to compose the letter as described above. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.*

B. Lambert Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

After conducting interviews, it is recommended that Wenck & Associates be hired as consultants for the work plan development due to their extensive experience with TMDLs.

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom moved to hire Wenck & Associates for the development of the Lambert Creek TMDL work plan. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

C. Public Education Program

Stephanie & Kristine went to the "Train the Trainer" class through Blue Thumb and are now capable to host raingarden workshops on their own.

B. Sustainable Lake Management Plans (SLMP)

Birch - The Birch Lake SLMP is complete and staff is doing a final review.

Tamarack & Fish - Kristine will now finish the Tamarack & Fish Lake SLMP and begin on the Gilfillan Lake SLMP.

V. **Reports**

A. Financial

Stephanie reviewed the December report.

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Franey to accept the December report and authorize checks for payment. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

B. WCA Activity

Summer summary report was given.

VI. Commissioner Reports – none

VII. Administrator Report – none

VIII. Public Comment – none

IX. Adjourn

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom to adjourn at 9:45 am.

Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert.