

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission Minutes  
January 8, 2010**

**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); Chris Mann (NOHOA Board); John Blackstone, St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS)

**I. Call to Order** Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:37 am.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was amended to remove item IV. C: Approve professional services agreement with RCD and is replaced with item IV. C: Approve purchase of new laptop for Kristine. Additionally, remove under V. E: Boundary Change – petition.

It was moved and seconded by Franey & Graham to approve the agenda.

Vote: all aye. Motion Passed.

**III. Approval of Minutes** (December)

Franey would like the paragraph for Item V. E. 1. to be rewritten to better reflect the conversation of the topic.

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Franey to approve the minutes of the December meeting as to be amended of the VLAWMO Technical

Commission. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Election of Officers**

All three current officers were willing to retain their roles for another year. Youngstrom nominated Peterson as Chair, Franey as Finance Officer, and Graham as Vice Chair. Vote: all aye.

**B. WBL Green Roof CIP Recommendation under new policy**

The Board stated that the TEC will have the authority to approve CIP applications up to \$5,000. If the project is deemed exceptional, the TEC may recommend the Board to consider awarding more money (up to 25% of the project cost total) to a particular project.

The TEC reviewed the WBL Green Roof Application. They are requesting \$14,500. Graham stated that they should be awarded the \$5,000. Youngstrom was disappointed by the lack of information provided with the application.

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom to approve a grant of \$5,000 to the City of White Bear Lake for their Green Roof project and that they may apply for additional funding later in 2010 if funding is still available.

However, if they reapply, we will require more information about the project.

Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**C. Approve purchase of new laptop for Kristine**

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Franey to approve the purchase of the new computer up to \$2,850. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

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

**A. Lambert Creek**

We will be hearing at the end of January if we received funding for the grant to restore Lambert Creek at the Kohler Road bend. Kristine is also working with Mike Goodnature from Ramsey Conservation District on a Work Plan for a grant we received to study where to best put Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the Lambert Creek subwatershed.

**B. Monitoring Program Report**

Chloride program update – Brian has been researching chloride in our lakes and streams. He is also going to the Road Salt Symposium the first week of February. VLAWMO would like to collect information to get a baseline of what the chloride levels are in our watershed's lakes and streams. The cost is minimal (under \$300) to implement the chloride monitoring program as described in the memo provided by Brian.

**C. Public Education Program**

**1. Citizen's Advisory Committee**

a) Meeting – next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Shallow Lakes Workshop Request**

We are lining up our two speakers. Joe Bischoff from Wenck has agreed and we are waiting to hear back from Steve McComas from Blue Water Science before we settle on a date. The other part of the workshop would be with Kristine leading the participants in the Watershed Game. We plan it lasting 3 – 3.5 hours and it would be an evening or Saturday morning. Chris Mann stated that we can hold it at Waverly Gardens. In order to get it in the North Oaks News, we need to get the date determined and submitted to the News by Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Sustainable Lake Management Plans**

**1. Gilfillan**

Refer to December's meeting minutes on this status.

**2. Wilkinson**

We will begin working on this shortly. We will identify the stakeholders (City of North Oaks, North Oaks Company, surrounding residents) and begin to pull together the information we already have along with what information will need to be gathered.

**E. Governance & Policy**

**1. 2010 Updated Budget (carry overs)**

The carry overs were discussed at previous meetings and Stephanie presented the budget with the carry over items factored in.

**2. Ramsey County Groundwater Plans - status**

The Report has gone to the County Board and they are now looking into how to implement the plan. It could be officially adopted by the County

Board in February and then it would go to BWSR for final approval. VLAWMO put \$4,000 in our budget for implementation so we are waiting to hear what implementation projects will be recommended.

**3. Boundary Change – petition amendment**

**F. Cost Share Program – 2009 Summary from RCD**

Ryan Johnson from RCD produced a summary of work he completed within VLAWMO. He helps landowners with landscaping questions (raingardens, native plantings, shoreline plantings).

**G. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

**1. Whitaker Pond – update and photos**

a. Change Order #1

The project is on pause for now until the ground froze. The forebay is basically completed. The material to make the new weir is on order. They will start within the next couple of weeks. There is a \$7400 change order due to an old landfill that was found on the site. The junk found in the landfill is going to stay on site. Stephanie received this change order late yesterday so she has not called to get explanation for this cost. They will get the weir built and will then dig out the bottom of the pond. That material is going to a SPRWS site. The material from the forebay was used to build a berm on site and was also used at Tamarack Nature Center for a project.

**H. Report to the Board**

**1. Approval of Report and TEC liaison reminder**

Deferred until February – no Board meeting in January

**VI. Reports**

**A. Financial Report for January & authorization of payment**

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

**B. WCA Activity**

**VII. Commissioner Reports**

Graham stated that VH will have a road project on Edgerton St in 2010 and the area currently has flooding issues. Graham stated that he will want to work VLAWMO on that project. He also stated that the new Public Works building is coming along nicely and would like to offer to host a TEC meeting there this spring so he can show the new facility.

**VIII. Administrator Report**

**IX. Public Comment**

Blackstone stated that they are doing some studies on Vadnais Lake (sediment oxygen study and hypolimnetic study). The USGS study that he mentioned last month is on hold due to the proposed budget being higher than expected. Blackstone also wanted VLAWMO to reflect on all the accomplishments in 2009 and make a list of them. Graham stated that the accomplishments should be posted on the website as well to promote all that VLAWMO has done. Stephanie said we can draft up the list and send it out to the TEC for their review. Franey asked Kristine to come up with a report about the website for the next month to

see what trends are happening and if we see more hits after being at events such as Marketfest.

**X. Next TEC Meeting: February 12; Board Meeting: February 24**

**XI. Adjourn**

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Franey to adjourn at 9:00am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert.

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