

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Technical Commission Minutes
February 13, 2009**

Attending:

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

Others in attendance: Stephanie McNamara, Kristine Lampert, Brian Corcoran, VLAWMO; Marty Long, VLAWMO Board & NO City Council; Margaret Behrens, Ramsey Conservation District; John Blackstone, St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS)

I. Call to Order Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Minutes

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

IV. New Business

A. VLAWMO Draft Policy for Water Plan Standards - updates

Stephanie reported that the draft will be presented to the BOD meeting on Wednesday, February 18th.

B. SWAG Grant - Kristine

VLAWMO received preliminary approval for a Surface Water Assessment Grant from the PCA which will reimburse us for approximately \$48,000 for our monitoring program. The final work plan will be submitted shortly and final contracts would be signed by April 1, 2009.

C. Report to the Board

- 1) Draft Template – In accordance with VLAWMO Policy, Stephanie has generated a form which can be filled in by the TEC and/or staff to report to the Board on activities. The hope is that this form will provide ample communication on activities. Graham/Franey – recommend of the new format and direct staff to forward the report to the Board.
- 2) Work Plan 2009. There will be some changes in work allocation with the new monitoring grant from the MPCA.

D. Authorization for Regional Parcel Dataset License Renewal

It was moved & seconded by Graham & Franey to authorize the renewal of the database license. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

E. Authorization for Summer Intern position

It was moved & seconded by Graham & Franey to authorize the hiring of a summer intern. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

V. Programs & Projects – possible action

A. Lambert Creek TMDL

VLAWMO had a stakeholders meeting 3 weeks ago and the work plan will be completed by the next TEC meeting.

B. Citizen's Advisory Committee

We will be hosting a meeting on Thursday February 19th to re-launch the committee. 8 people have expressed interest.

- 1) Volunteer opportunities – Stephanie has met with a resident named Marsha Anderson who wants to work on education programs. Also Eagle Scouts have begun to approach us again for projects.

Peterson suggested we put something on the website and the papers to let people know about the work going on and volunteer opportunities.

C. Public Education Program

- 1) 2009 Blue Thumb billboard – TEC expressed interest in participating in the effort again this year.
- 2) WBL Governors Fishing Opener – Dan Jones (WBL BOD member) suggested that VLAWMO have some sort of educational booth that weekend. Stephanie has started discussions with City of WBL to see if we can do that.

D. Whitaker Pond

Not much activity has taken place. Blackstone suggests that we prepare plans and specs for the project and bring it to the stakeholders in the hopes that they can come to agreement for paying for the project. Marty Long has additional information on dredged material from ponds. He stated that the Dale Thompson from the PCA is producing guidance on sediment disposal and that John Gulliver of the U of M is working on potentially applicable remediation. Long stated that there may be help from the PCA if we are able to come up with alternative measures for disposal.

It was moved & seconded by Graham & Asleson to get a proposal from EOR for plans and specs and field services and that a letter be prepared to the stakeholders stating the VLAWMO is ready to proceed with construction in winter 2009 – 2010 and that we need decisions from them regarding their financial participation. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

E. Sustainable Lake Management Plans

V. Reports

A. Financial

1. February Report: Stephanie reviewed the February report.

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

B. WCA Activity

Actions in Lino Lakes have been resolved. Stephanie and Brian attended some training. VLAWMO may begin looking into having a certified wetland delineator on staff as requested by BWSR.

VI. Commissioner Reports

Graham stated that the City Sports Complex project has died but the developers have now proposed putting a smaller version of a sports complex at Highway 61 and Cty Rd E. This would place the complex within the Ramsey Washington Watershed District rather than VLAWMO.

VII. Administrator Report

Stephanie stated that the Boundary Change petition has been noticed and will be on the April BWSR agenda for approval.

VIII. Public Comment – none

IX. Adjourn

It was moved & seconded by Graham & Franey to adjourn at 8:52 am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert.