

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Technical Commission Minutes
December 11, 2009**

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, Brian Corcoran, (VLAWMO); Melinda Coleman (NO City Administrator); 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**
It was moved and seconded by Franey & Graham to approve the updated agenda. Vote: all aye. Motion Passed.
- III. Minutes**
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It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom to approve the minutes of the November meeting of the VLAWMO Technical Commission. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- IV. New Business**
- A. Approve Blue Thumb agreement 2010**
It was moved and seconded by Graham & Youngstrom to approve Blue Thumb agreement for 2010. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- B. Recommend 2009 Budget carry over to 2010**
Stephanie recommends carrying over some 2009 funds into 2010 to cover costs that haven't been billed yet. An email went out to the TEC describing the amounts in detail.
Franey/Graham – recommend the carry over to 2010.
- V. Programs & Projects – possible action**
- A. Lambert Creek**
1. Grant Award
 2. Flume 2
- Blackstone stated that the USGS has been doing a study at Lambert Lake with funds from Upper Mississippi Source Water Protection Project. USGS needs a 2 year time span for the study. Blackstone would like VLAWMO to handle the administration of that project. This will be something that will be discussed further as the details come but he wanted to bring up the subject now so that we can start thinking about it. It would have to be decided upon by June.
- B. Monitoring Program Report**

Brian stated that the report is nearly complete. It is approximately 100 pages. Brian gave a short presentation of results. TP has gone up on all of the lakes this year. All but 3 exceed the standards. Chl A is up on all lakes as well. SDT is also high. One reason for this could be from the lower lake levels due to the drought this year. We will post the information on the website.

C. Public Education Program

1. Citizen's Advisory Committee

a) Meeting – next meeting will be January 14th. Have gotten calls from 3 new people interested in coming to the meeting.

2. Shallow Lakes Workshop Request

We have not moved on this project yet but we are planning on doing the workshop in February. VLAWMO would like to have Joe Bischoff, Wenck and Steve McComas, Blue Water Science to come speak. We will work on this more before the next TEC meeting.

D. Sustainable Lake Management Plans

1. Gilfillan

Brian's plan is to have the Draft SLMP done before the Shallow Lakes Workshop. He doesn't want to put it out to the public (Gilfillan homeowners) until after the workshop because he feels the workshop will provide a lot of background information that the public will need to understand the report better.

2. Tamarack & Fish

The SLMP is complete and has been published on the website and hard copies have been distributed to the stakeholders. We will be implementing some of the action items next year (monitoring from deeper parts of the lake, macroinvertebrate studies).

E. Governance & Policy

1. Policy & Personnel Committee – CIP Pilots

The committee met on Wednesday, December 9 to discuss how to handle CIP projects from cities or other groups. There was discussion about what sort of projects VLAWMO should support and how much funding should be provided by VLAWMO. The Committee felt that the TEC should determine or advise on what are worthy projects. Any project that would be approved would have to prove that it benefits the watershed and/or helps VLAWMO to meet its watershed goals. The 2010 budget has \$20,000 that could fund CIP pilots and SLMP implementation project with some additional carry-over funds from 2009.

After discussion the it was moved and seconded to recommend the following policy:

CIP Pilot Project / SLMP Implementation Project Policy

- a. Applicants must submit project information to VLAWMO on the form provided with supplemental information as needed. Applicants shall provide evidence of public purpose or benefit to water resources within the watershed.
- b. Review criteria:

- i. Projects should be consistent with Water Plan identified target areas, or show reasonable expectation of addressing identified Water Plan goals or priorities, or
- ii. Projects should be identified in approved Sustainable Lake Management Plans or watershed accepted feasibility reports.
- iii. Projects should be consistent with generally accepted best management practices.
- c. Applicant or all other stakeholder contributions will be identified.
- d. Cap on costs: \$5000
- . Motion passed.

2. Boundary Change – Rice Creek Watershed District is updating their legal description which may be used by Ramsey County to update the county database.

F. Cost Share Program – 2009 Summary. More projects were initiated in 2009 and more funding expended. See summary table.

G. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

1. Birch Lake shoreline restoration update A Clean Water Legacy grant was applied for with a response due in early 2010. VLAWMO has committed to assisting with a modest pilot restoration project regardless of securing the grant.

2. Whitaker Pond Clearing is underway with forebay excavation planned for December. The TEC recommended signage on site and an article in the local press to update interested people.

3. TMDL Update –postponed.

H. Report to the Board

1. Approval of Report and TEC liaison reminder Motion by Mark Graham,, seconded by John Youngstrom to approve the TEC report to the Board as amended. All aye. Motion passed.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for December & authorization of payment

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

The year-end report has been submitted and VLAWMO will receive \$2500 from the State for the work done.

VII. Commissioner Reports

VIII. Administrator Report

IX. Public Comment

X. Next TEC Meeting: January 8; Board Meeting: December 16

XI. Adjourn

It was moved and seconded by Graham & Franey to adjourn at 9:20am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Lampert.