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Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Technical Commission Minutes
September 11, 2020

Zoom Teleconference Open Meeting:

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Join by phone: +1-312-626-6799; meeting ID: 838 2877 2829; password: 234257

Commission Members Present:

Gloria Tessier	Chair, Gem Lake (GL)
Jesse Farrell	Vice Chair, Vadnais Heights (VH)
Bob Larson	Treasurer, North Oaks (NO)
Paul Duxbury	White Bear Township (WBT)
Andy Nelson	Lino Lakes (LL)

Commission Members Absent: Terry Huntrods (White Bear Lake)

Others in attendance: Phil Belfiori, Brian Corcoran, Dawn Tanner, Nick Voss, Tyler Thompson (VLAWMO); Kara Ries, Patricia Orud (NO), Cha Thao (RCSWCD); Justine Roe (SPRWS)

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Tessier called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. A roll call was made for attending Commissioners of the electronic meeting: Farrell: present Larson: present Duxbury: present Huntrods: absent Nelson: present Tessier: present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
The agenda for the September 11, 2020 Technical Commission Meeting was presented for approval. No new additions.
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Tessier to approve the September 11, 2020 TEC agenda, as amended. Vote: Tessier: aye Larson: aye Duxbury: aye Nelson: aye. Motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Duxbury to approve the August 14, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented. Vote: Tessier: aye Larson: aye Duxbury: aye Nelson: aye. Motion passed.
- IV. **Administration & Operations**
 - A. **Financial Report for September & Authorization for Payment**
Belfiori presented the September Financial Report for review and authorization of payments and that the budget line items are tracking on-par, schedule-wise, with how far into the year we are. Staff is recommending payment of the September bills.
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Duxbury to approve the September Treasurer's Report and authorization of payments. Vote: Tessier: aye Larson: aye Duxbury: aye Nelson: aye. Motion passed.
 - B. **Update on Mississippi East Watershed Based Funding**
Belfiori presented an update on the new WBF funds. VLAWMO will likely be receiving around \$90,000, with a 10% match, and the funding must be utilized by 2023. Staff is looking at a few different possible project areas and work will begin on a work plan as the funding moves further along the process.
 - C. **Update on proposed boundary change – White Bear Center for the Arts**
Belfiori presented that the 3-parcel VLAWMO watershed boundary change with Rice Creek Watershed District in White Bear Lake was approved by the Board at their August meeting. This will go for review and possible approval by BWSR later this fall.

V. **Programs**

A. **Education & Outreach**

1. Updates from summer programs: Rainbarrel workshop, Neighborhood tour, Jr Watershed Explorer program, Floodplain Friday

Voss overviewed that for the Neighborhood tour took place with much help and support from BMP site contributors. A packet was sent to folks that signed up, though site hosts saw limited visitors. Voss noted the final Floodplain Friday short will be up and live soon.

2. 4th & Otter sign update

Voss updated that the 4th & Otter sign is expected to be delivered and installed at the project site soon.

B. **Cost Share**

Thompson updated that the Cost Share Program Policy subcommittee was approved at the August Board meeting, and that the group would be meeting on September 23rd at 6:30 pm. Thompson overviewed that if both the following Landscape Level 1 grants are approved, as presented, this would exhaust the Landscape Cost Share grant funding for 2020.

1. LL1 Application – 2020-15 Lissick Native Planting

Thompson presented Landscape Level 1 application 2020-15 for funding consideration. **Staff is recommending approval and funding of LL1 2020-15 in the amount of \$2,000.00 (41% funding match).**

2. LL1 Application – 2020-16 Green No-Mow Lawn Replacement

Thompson presented Landscape Level 1 application 2020-16 for funding consideration. **Staff is recommending approval and funding of application LL1 2020-16 in the amount of \$1,471.87 (46% funding match).**

Discussion: The TEC agreed to approve both LL1 applications in one motion.

It was moved by Farrell and seconded by Larson to approve the Landscape Level 1 application 2020-15 and approve grant funding in the amount of \$2,000.00, as well as the Landscape Level 1 application 2020-16 and approve grant funding in the amount of \$1,471.87. Vote: Tessier: aye Farrell: aye Larson: aye Duxbury: aye Nelson: aye. Motion passed.

VI. **Projects**

A. **Lambert Lake Update**

Tanner updated that the Board approved going out for bid for the Lambert Lake project at their August meeting, a preconstruction meeting date and time has been set and any contractors in placing a bid are required to attend the meeting.

B. **Correction crew workday at Koehler Bend**

Tanner presented photos from the buckthorn removal maintenance at the Koehler flume restoration and behind the Vadnais Heights City Hall.

Discussion: Farrell proposed having buckthorn treatment kits available to residents of the watershed.

VII. **Commissioner Reports:**

None.

VII. **NOHOA**

Orud updated that the aquatic weed harvest took place on Pleasant Lake, and the carp removal is anticipated later this year.

IX. Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation Division (RCSWCD) Report

Thao updated that aquatic lake surveys have been completed on Sucker and East Vadnais Lakes and submitted to VLAWMO staff, and the shoreline vegetation reports will be coming in soon.

X. St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS) Report

Roe noted that there were no updates for SPRWS, besides there was a sludge tank that was demolished at the treatment plant.

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Next Meetings

TEC: October 9th, 2020; Board: October 28th, 2020

XII. Adjourn

It was moved by Farrell and seconded by Larson to adjourn at 8:29 am. Vote: Tessier: aye Farrell: aye Larson: aye Duxbury: aye Nelson: aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.