



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – February 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 February 24th, 2021

Attendance		Present	Absent
Jim Lindner, 2020 Chair	City of Gem Lake	X	
Tom Watson	City of North Oaks	X	
Rob Rafferty, 2020 Secretary-Treasurer	City of Lino Lakes	X	
Ed Prudhon	White Bear Township	X	
Dan Jones	City of White Bear Lake	X	
Patricia Youker	City of Vadnais Heights	X	
Phil Belfiori	Administrator	X	
Brian Corcoran	Water Resources Mgr.	X	
Dawn Tanner	Program Development Coord.	X	
Nick Voss	Education & Outreach Coord.	X	
Tyler Thompson	GIS Watershed Tech.	X	

Others in attendance: Paul Duxbury, Bob Larson (VLAWMO TEC); Gary Eagles (NOC); Connie Tailon (City of White Bear Lake); Emily Jennings (SEH)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Director Lindner of the Zoom teleconference meeting. A roll call was asked for Director presence. Lindner: present, Watson: present, Rafferty: present (arrived after meeting order), Prudhon: present, Jones: present, Youker: present. Tom Watson introduced himself to the VLAWMO Board. Gary Eagles noted Tom Watson was tributary to keeping VLAWMO afloat and instrumental in VLAWMO’s current funding mechanism.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the February, 2021 Board meeting was presented for approval, Chair Lindner asked for any additions or corrections. None.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Youker to approve the February Board meeting agenda, as presented. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

III. Approval of December 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

The December 9, 2020 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Lindner asked for any additions or corrections. None. Watson noted his abstention.

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Jones to approve the December 2020 Board meeting agenda, as presented. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: abstain, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

IV. Visitors and Presentations

A. Public Visitors – non-agenda items

None.

B. TEC Report and Financial – February

Duxbury gave the Board a briefing on current projects and programs, as reviewed at the February TEC meeting. Belfiori briefly overviewed the February Finance Report. No major comments from the auditors.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Designation of Legal Publication – Press Publications and VLAWMO website

Staff recommends VLAWMO continue to use Press Publications and the VLAWMO website for public notices to our jurisdiction, with option to advertise in the League of MN Cities publication, as appropriate.

B. Set 2021 Board Meeting Dates

Staff proposes establishing regular VLAWMO Board meeting dates following previous years' pattern. The dates proposed are: February 24, April 28, June 23, August 25, October 27, and December 8, 2021. Staff is recommending these dates for setting future regular meetings of the Board.

C. Amelia Lake RCSWCD Survey Request

See staff memo in 2/24/21 Board packet. Staff is requesting authorization from the Board to proceed with survey work with RCSWCD for 2021.

D. 2020 Monitoring Report

The 2020 Monitoring Report is complete and Report link was included in the Board packet.

E. Project Update Reports

Staff prepared updates for projects and programs in the February Board meeting packet.

A motion was made by Youker and seconded by Jones to approve the February 2021 Board meeting consent agenda, as presented. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

VI. Business

A. Administration

1. Election of Board, Subcommittee Officers and appointment of TEC Chair/Officers

2020 Board officers included: Chair, Jim Lindner; Vice Chair, Marty Long; Secretary-Treasurer, Rob Rafferty. Officers preside over meetings and take on other small business duties. Belfiori asked for a VLAWMO Board Chair nomination from the directors to begin the 2021 Officer appointments.

1. Election of Officers:

VLAWMO Board Chair

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Jones to nominate Director Lindner as 2021 VLAWMO Board of Directors Chair. Vote: Lindner: abstain, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

VLAWMO Board Vice Chair

A motion was made by Lindner and seconded by Prudhon to nominate Director Jones as 2021 VLAWMO Board of Directors Vice Chair. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

VLAWMO Board Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Youker and seconded by Lindner to nominate Director Youker as 2021 VLAWMO Board of Directors Secretary/Treasurer. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

2. Subcommittee Assignments

The Finance, Policy, and Personnel Subcommittee may meet 2-4 times per year and make recommendations to the Board regarding budget, policy changes or updates, and personnel matters, and assist with various questions and direction, as needed.

Discussion: The Board discussed the Finance, Policy, and Personnel Subcommittee would consist of the 3 elected Board Officers. The Directors agreed by consensus.

3. Technical Commission (TEC) Chair and Officers

The TEC has recommended and nominated Gloria Tessier as TEC Chair, Jesse Farrell as Vice Chair, Bob Larson as Treasurer, and Paul Duxbury as Board Liason. Staff is recommending these Officer roles for approval from the Board.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Youker to approve election of Commissioners Tessier as TEC Chair, Jesse Farrell as Vice Chair, Bob Larson as Treasurer, and Paul Duxbury as Board Liason for 2020 TEC Officer positions. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of General Engineering Services from 2021-22

Belfiori presented that pursuant to MN Statute 103B.227, staff noticed and advertised a RFP for general engineering services for 2021 & '22. The General Engineering fund was approved by the VLAWMO Board two years ago for the purpose of establish a dedicate fund to provide smaller cost /limited scope general technical services by an qualified engineering firm on an as needed basis when specific engineering expertise is needed. The selected firm would enter into a contract for a 2-year period. The general engineering fund includes \$30,000 in the 2021 approved budget and the funding levels for 2022 would be determined by the Board as part of the 2022 budgeting process. Six proposals were received, reviewed and scored by staff, and the 2 highest-scoring firms, Houston Engineering, Inc. and SEH, and either firm has the potential to deliver on requested services in the RFP. **The VLAWMO Policy & Personnel Committee discussed the '21-'22 general engineering services, and upon discussion, reached a consensus and recommendation to recommend selecting SEH for 2021 & 2022 general engineering services. Based on the review of the proposals, also staff recommends Board approval of S.E.H. to continue as the VLAMWO engineer to provide general engineering services in 2021 and 2022 and authorize staff to sign the attached supplemental letter agreement dated Feb. 24, 2021 with Exhibits.**

Discussion: Jones expressed his appreciation to SEH for their great work so far, going above and beyond, and for their experience and work so far with VLAWMO.

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Jones to select and approve SEH for VLAWMO's general engineering services for 2021-2022. Vote: Lindner: aye, Long: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

3. City of White Bear Lake 2021-2030 Surface Water Mgmt. Plan – Res. 2021-01

Corcoran presented the local water plan update for White Bear Lake have been received and reviewed by VLAWMO staff. VLAWMO staff had a review meeting with the City Water Resources Engineer on Feb. 9, 2021 and the subsequent Local Water Management Plan (as included in link below) has now been revised per the preliminary plan review comments provided by VLAWMO staff. A copy of the revised plan along with response to comments can be found on the VLAWMO website. **Staff recommends the Board approve with non-material changes the White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan as consistent with the VLAWMO Water Management Plan and meeting state requirements, through Resolution 2021-01.**

Discussion: Jones thanked Connie Tailon for her hard work on the Surface Water Management Plan.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Prudhon to approve Resolution 2021-01, approving the City of White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan as consistent with the VLAWMO Water Management Plan and meeting state requirements, with non-material changes. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-01

Of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO)

Consideration of the White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan

Resolution 2021-01 was moved by Director Jones and seconded by Director Prudhon:

Whereas, the VLAWMO is charged the responsibility of reviewing local water plans as identified in Minnesota Statute, Ch. 103B.235, Subd. 3, and

Whereas, the Board of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization has considered the updated White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan (WBL LWMP) available on the VLAWMO website, and

Whereas, the VLAWMO review has found the updated WBL LWMP to be consistent with the VLAWMO Water Management Plan,

Therefore be it resolved that the White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan, dated February 16, 2021 is approved with non-material changes for consistency with the VLAWMO Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan by the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization Board of Directors.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<i>Dan Jones</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ed Prudhon</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Rob Rafferty</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
<i>Tom Watson</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Patricia Youker</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jim Lindner</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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B. WCA

1. Birch lake Animal Hospital Variance Request – Res. 2021-02

Birch Lake Animal Hospital in the City of White Bear Lake is requesting a wetland buffer variance to expand their parking lot to better suit their clients and reduce the amount of on-street parking. They are requesting to add 6 additional stalls and relocate the trash/recycling enclosure. The City of White Bear Lake has reviewed and accepted the additional stalls pending the buffer variance decision from the watershed.

As part of the parking stall addition, the client is adding an infiltration basin in the front of their building to capture runoff to reduce overall drainage to the wetland.

The wetland on site is a Manage 2 wetland. Buffer setback for a Manage 2 wetland is 30ft with minimum of 24ft. A wetland delineation was approved on 10/12/2020 identifying the wetland boundary. A retaining wall is proposed just outside of the wetland line to reduce grading issues. Trash and recycling enclosure will be approximately 5ft off of wetland line. Dashed lines on plan indicate 30Ft and 24Ft setbacks from wetland line. **Staff & TEC recommend approval of wetland buffer variance request for the parking stall addition contingent on installation of infiltration basin, a native buffer planting and buffer monument, and an O&M agreement through the City of White Bear Lake for the project BMP and native buffer, through Resolution 2021-02.**

Discussion: Prudhon asked if a buffer variance such as this has ever been granted before, and if there is any worry about these becoming more popular in the future. Corcoran noted that VLAWMO has received few variance requests, but to note the proposed site improvement of the infiltration basin and that the requestee proposes to go above and beyond for site drainage improvements. Watson asked if the O&M will be reviewed prior to approval. Corcoran noted that they will be, and VLAWMO’s JPA municipalities possess permitting power for these projects, as well as O&M enforcement. Youker asked about the length of the O&M. Corcoran noted that for 2 years the company will take care of the project, and then after that, Birch Lake Animal Hospital is responsible for maintenance.

A motion was made by Youker and seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 2021-02, approving the wetland buffer variance request for the parking stall addition contingent upon installation of infiltration basin, a native buffer planting, buffer monument, and an O&M through the City of White Bear Lake for the project BMP and native buffer. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

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Whereas, the Board of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization has considered the updated White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan (WBL LWMP) available on the VLAWMO website, and

Whereas, the VLAWMO review has found the updated WBL LWMP to be consistent with the VLAWMO Water Management Plan,

Therefore be it resolved that the White Bear Lake Local Water Management Plan, dated February 16, 2021 is approved with non-material changes for consistency with the VLAWMO Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan by the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization Board of Directors.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<i>Dan Jones</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ed Prudhon</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Rob Rafferty</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
<i>Tom Watson</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Patricia Youker</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jim Lindner</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Island Field Replacement Plan Consideration

North Oaks Company is proposing a 21.94-acre multi-family residential development that will include two buildings of condominiums known as Island Field. The project will include a street and utilities. The site does not include any existing structures. Stormwater management practices will provide treatment of runoff before discharge to wetlands after development.

Island Field will require 0.1757 acre of permanent impact to one wetland. The need for a safe, efficient and functional site access street consistent with land use guidance and accepted engineering practices renders proposed wetland impacts unavoidable. The project has been designed to minimize wetland impacts to the extent practicable and includes construction practices to reduce or eliminate secondary wetland impacts. Permanent wetland impacts will be replaced by withdrawing 0.3514 acre of wetland credit from the North Oaks Company wetland bank, Account #170. This wetland bank is owned by the Applicant and located within the same County, Major Watershed, and Bank Service Area as the wetland impact. Some areas of buffer will be disturbed with project grading activities. A 5-year disturbed buffer plan has been submitted. **Staff & TEC recommend approval of the Island Field Replacement Plan of proposed impacts of 0.1757 acre of permanent wetland impact and replacement at 2:1 via wetland bank credits at 0.3514 acres.**

Discussion: Watson had a few comments: the PUD has received preliminary plan approval and not final approval from the City of North Oaks, proposing that this could be until the April Board meeting. Corcoran noted that either way, City of North Oaks approval will likely not effect this WCA decision. Eagles noted that the City may be looking for VLAWMO's WCA decision approval before finalizing project plan approval. Watson noted that the WCA access into the site is correct. Eagles noted that VLAWMO is not approving a project, but the WCA portion of the access. Motion to approve as recommended, but with the contingency provision of greater site plan approval by the City of North Oaks. Decision will be made contingent upon the project plan hearing at the next City of North Oaks Planning Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Jones to approve the Island Field Replacement Plan of proposed impacts of 0.1757 acre of permanent wetland impact and replacement at 2:1 via wetland bank credits at 0.3514 acres, with the contingency that this is brought to the next City of North Oaks meeting. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

C. Education and Outreach

1. 2020 Annual Report 90% Draft Consideration for Approval

Highlights of the 2020 VLAWMO Annual Report were reviewed by Voss, along with new features added for the Report. Staff proposes approval of the 2020 Annual Report in its current format. Upon completion of the 2020 audit, financial information which will be updated into the document for a final submission to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) by their April, 2021 deadline. At this time the complete report including finances will be sent to VLAWMO Board and Technical Commission members.

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Youker to approve the 2020 Annual Report draft, with inclusion of the 2020 audit, once complete, to be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources by the April 2021 deadline. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

D. Projects

1. Lambert Lake Project

a). Project Update and consideration of Pay Request

Jennings and Tanner presented a PowerPoint presentation for current progress on the Lambert Lake project. SEH has been performing part-time inspection of the meander and sheet pile construction activities. Reference was given to the SEH memo regarding unforeseen challenges. A pay request was submitted by Sunram Construction, Inc. on February 10, 2021 and the Application for Payment (AFP) #1 has been submitted to VLAWMO (**see attached**). SEH recommends the approval for payment to Sunram Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$166,203.33. This amount represents 32% of the work completed, with 5% held for retainage. The pay request includes work completed through February 10 on the meander and sheet pile installation. **Per the recommendation of the project engineer, Staff request authorization from the Board to pay the current pay request for \$166,203.33 to Sunram Construction Inc.**

Discussion: Prudhon asked if there are penalties for not completing construction on time. Rafferty noted that there are realities to project delays and issues, and asked what the estimated overage amount would be. Jennings noted that the overage is closer to 23% with everything included, of the 15% overage. Rafferty asked if SEH has had prior experience with this contractor, and how their duties have been performed before. SEH has worked with the prime contractor before, and believes SEH has worked with the sub-contractor before. Rafferty thanked SEH for their work, and noted to monitor these contractors. Rafferty asked Belfiori if the lowest bidder was chosen for this project. Belfiori noted that the low bidder was chosen, and that they had prior experience with these specific types of projects. Rafferty noted his observation about the sub-contractor. Rafferty discussed that he would not be in favor of anything above and beyond the 15% overage right now. Watson clarified if the 15% was the total for all change orders, or per change orders. Rafferty voiced his concern again that this is a lot of money and to exercise caution, and to ask to look at this closer in the future.

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Jones to approve the payment request of \$166,203.33 to Sunram Construction, Inc., as part of the Lambert Lake Project construction progress. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Prudhon to approve the Administrator to make a future payment towards the project, not to exceed the 15% change order amount previously set, pending approval of the Engineer. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

b). Consider Modified Biochar BMP Project, 319 Grant Amendment, UMN Contract, SEH Scope for Engineering – Res. 2021-03

Staff and the Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee recommend the Board approves the action items identified in Resolution 2021-03.

Discussion: Watson noted the possibility of legal counsel fees. Tanner noted that staff has been very careful with legal time. Rafferty noted these are valuable points, and that the subcommittee looked at this very closely.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Youker for the approval of Resolution 2021-03. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-03

Of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO)

Approve changer order to biochar portion of Lambert grant contract with MPCA, authorize termination of UMN contract and approve letter to be sent to UMN that includes refusal to pay outstanding invoice, and approve scope of work with SEH to complete the biochar project.

Resolution 2021-03 was moved by Director Jones and seconded by Director Youker:

Whereas, the Board of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (the “Board”) recognizes the need to fulfill the requirements on the grant contract with the MPCA for the Lambert Lake VLAWMO Bacteria, Sediment, and Nutrient Reduction Project;

Whereas, the UMN biochar team decided to deviate from the original biochar project design, presented VLAWMO with a more expensive and incomplete design, and notified VLAWMO through their legal counsel that they would not participate in completing the draft plans and specs (titled 1.0 Lambert Plans and Specs) sent to VLAWMO on 12/7/2020;

Whereas, the UMN biochar team completed a portion of the tasks identified in the UMN Workplan and contract signed 2/11/2020;

Whereas, a change order to the grant contract with MPCA is needed to shift remaining tasks and funding related to the UMN team to the biochar design and construction grant categories to accommodate the new biochar project design requirements;

Whereas, the MPCA project coordinator has provided approval of the biochar portion of the MPCA workplan in a change order dated 2/17/2021;

Whereas, SEH has been consulted, reviewed draft plans from the UMN biochar team and identified that they have the ability to complete the design, develop signed plans and specs, supervise construction, and has provided a scope of work to complete the project;

Whereas, the VLAWMO Policy and Personnel Subcommittee met on 2/10/2021, to discuss this matter and upon further discussion reached consensus recommendation on the proposed Board actions listed below;

Therefore be it resolved by the VLAWMO Board that:

1. The VLAWMO Board authorizes approval of the MPCA change order dated 2/17/2021 to the biochar portion of Lambert grant contract, with nonmaterial changes,
2. Approves and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the letter dated 2/24/2021, which terminates the UMN contract, states a refusal to pay the outstanding invoice received by VLAWMO on 10/30/2020 and approves sending the letter to the UMN,
3. Approves scope of work with SEH to complete biochar project, and
4. Authorizes the VLAWMO Administrator to sign the scope of work and supplemental letter agreement with SEH for the amount of \$31,075, with nonmaterial changes once the MPCA change order is fully approved.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 6 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<i>Dan Jones</i>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ed Prudhon</i>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Rob Rafferty</i>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tom Watson</i>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>Patricia Youker</i>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jim Lindner</i>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

_____ Board Chair Date

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2. Consideration of 319 Small Watershed Nine Key Element Document

Staff requests approval of the draft NKE plan (as attached and included in link above) with nonmaterial changes and authorize Staff to finalize NKE Plan once comments are received from EPA. Staff also requests the Board to authorize staff to continue to consider a suite of projects for the first-round, 319 priority small-watershed proposal for a cohesive package of projects targeting Wilkinson Lake as identified by Barr Engineering. Staff will communicate with the Board when EPA authorization of the NKE is received and anticipates bringing a tentative project proposal forward at the April Board meeting.

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Rafferty for the approval of the VLAWMO NKE Plan, with non-material changes, and authorization of staff to finalized the Plan, once comments are received. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

3. Pleasant Lake Internal Loading

a). Carp Management WSB Scope of Work

Staff request authorizations from the Board to sign a contract with WSB for \$20,572, with the understanding that a reduced amount may be needed depending upon the size of the carp and Bigmouth buffalo harvest. Financial partnership for this project has been requested from SPRWS.

Discussion: Watson asked if harvesting in the winter would have been possible. Tanner noted that yes, the commercial fisherman would have done this is the market hadn't been closed. Prudhon asked if there is any other option than the New York Fish market and asked about a plan b. Danner said the Chicago market is a possibility but not as big. Watson thanked Tanner for being engaged in seeking funding from SPRWS.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Youker for the authorization of entering into contract with WSB engineering for \$20,572 for carp removal and harvest on Pleasant Lake. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

b). Curly-leaf Pondweed Management Cost Share with NOHOA

The TEC, PPC, and staff recommend and request authorization from the Board to support VLAWMO cost share to NOHOA for a demonstration Curly-leaf treatment in the west bay of Pleasant with NOHOA, at 30% of the total cost plus a possible extension area for optimal carp harvest. The total VLAWMO cost would be \$3,510-\$5,000. NOHOA is contributing \$8,500.

Discussion: Watson noted that SPRWS could be a potential funding partner for this project. Danner noted they were approached for overall approval of treatment. They would not participate financially in supporting Curly-leaf pondweed treatments.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Jones for the authorization of entering into cost share with the NOHOA for Curley-leaf Pondweed treatment in Pleasant Lake, up to

\$5,000. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

4. 2021 – 2023 BWSR Watershed-Based Imp. Funding (WBIF) Grant (C21-9984) Work Plan & Grant Agreement – Res. 2021-04, as amended

Thompson presented the draft WBIF work plan and grant agreement for approval, pending BWSR’s approval of the work plan. Staff is requesting the Board’s approval of the grant work plan, as presented, with non-material changes.

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Youker and seconded by Watson for the approval of the '21-'23 WBIF draft work plan and authorizes the Board Chair to sign and enter into the grant agreement, with submittal to BWSR with any non-material changes, and the adoption of Resolution 2021-04, as-amended. Vote: Lindner: aye, Watson: aye, Rafferty: aye, Prudhon: aye, Jones: aye, Youker: aye. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 04-2021

**Of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO)
Acceptance of 2021-2023 BWSR Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Grant (C21-9984
2021 Metro Miss. River East – Vadnais Lake Area WMO)**

Director Youker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Director Watson seconded the motion.

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL of the 2021-2023 BWSR Watershed-Based funding (Vadnais Lake Area WMO) grant for VLAWMO Cost Share implementation and Subwatershed BMP development and installation (C21-9984).

Whereas, VLAWMO has submitted a funding request and work plan for the Watershed-Based Implementation Funding grant to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to address nutrient loading and volume reduction within the Gilfillan-Tamarack-Black-Wilkinson-Amelia, Birch Lake, Goose Lake, Gem Lake and Lambert Creek Subwatersheds, and

Whereas, components of the grant proposal include VLAWMO Cost Share Program fund integration and the implementation of a subwatershed BMP within the counties of Ramsey and Anoka, Minnesota, and

Whereas, VLAWMO has completed and continues to initiate subwatershed retrofits and feasibility studies to target and implement Watershed BMP implementation projects for the reduction of volume and pollutant loading into 303(d) list-impaired and tributary waterbodies within VLAWMO and to be the beneficiary of the Watershed-Based Implementation Funding from the State of Minnesota, and

Whereas, VLAWMO has finalized a work plan with the Board of Water and Soil Resources for implementation of the grant,

Therefore be it resolved that the VLAWMO Board of Directors hereby approves the C21-9984 grant ~~agreement, with draft~~ workplan, ~~pending approval by the Board of Water & Soil Resources, with non-material changes,~~ and authorizes the WMO Board Chair to ~~execute the grant agreement and~~ submit the grant ~~agreement and~~ workplan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, with any final non-material changes and on advice of counsel.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 6 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<i>Dan Jones</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ed Prudhon</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Rob Rafferty</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tom Watson</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Patricia Youker</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jim Lindner</i>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

_____ Board Chair _____ Date
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The foregoing resolution was passed by the Board of Directors of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization, Minnesota this 24th day of February, 2021.

VII. Discussion

None.

VIII. Administration Communication

IX. Adjourn

A motion was made by Rafferty and seconded by Jones to adjourn at 9:36 pm. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.