



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 25, 2014

ATTENDING:

Bob Uzpen	Gem Lake
<i>Absent</i>	Lino Lakes
<i>Absent</i>	North Oaks
Joe Murphy	Vadnais Heights - alternate
Dan Jones	White Bear Lake
Bill Mample	White Bear Township (Acting Chair)

Stephanie McNamara	VLAWMO Administrator
Kristine Jenson	VLAWMO Project Coordinator
Brian Corcoran	VLAWMO Technician
Vanessa Strong	VLAWMO Education & Outreach Coordinator

Also in attendance: Paul Peterson, Technical Commission Chair; Della Young, Burns & McDonnell; Bob Larson, NO Environmental Commission; Mike Robertson, NO City Manager

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Acting Chair Mample.

II. Introduction of new Board Member

Director Schaaf was not able to attend – he will be introduced at the August meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mample requested to table Item VI.D.

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Uzpen to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: all ayes. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2014

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Uzpen to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. Vote: 2 aye. Mample abstained. Motion passed.

V. Technical Commission (TEC) Report to the Board

A. Activity Summary

Paul Peterson representing the TEC presented the TEC Report.

CIP – Vadnais & Lakeaires Elementary Community Blue projects are installed or in process with the final 2 anticipated by fall; Project Sign installations

Monitoring: underway.

Planning & SLMPs – Strategic planning 2014- 2016 recommend approval;

TMDL –Implementation Plan being finalized with MPCA.

Outreach & Education – All four Raingarden & Shoreline restoration workshops were well attended with excellent evaluations. Vadnais Elementary teacher workshop went very well and was a good prelude to the raingarden installation. Heritage Estate presentation May. Dragonfly workshop 6/28. Signs with new logo are now available.

Uzpen stated that the TMDL report has been reported as “being finalized” but it never seems to be. Stephanie said the TMDL Report has been finalized but we have now submitted our TMDL Implementation Plan to the MPCA and it will be out for public comment for about a week starting next week. Stephanie said it will be final and complete at the end of July and then we will be eligible to apply for grants this fall.

B. June financial report

Stephanie presented the June Financial Report. Our expenses are about where we are expected to be. We will be getting our first half payment for our Storm Water Utility fee.

It was moved by Uzpen and seconded by Jones to accept the June Financial Report. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. Acceptance of the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan – Della Young

As most of you know VLAWMO has been working on its Strategic Plan 2014-2016 this spring to prioritize projects and assess financial and staff capacity to complete those projects. Criteria development, surveys, and the April joint workshop have all been incorporated into the draft Strategic Plan. Ms. Della Young, the Project Manager from Burns & McDonnell will present the highlights at the June meeting for your consideration. If approved, this will for road map for project implementation for the next 2.5 years.

A project matrix (Table 3) and Work Plan Calendar Table 4 were given to the Board for review. This was also a warm-up exercise for all of us as VLAWMO starts development of the next generation Comprehensive 10-year water plan. VLAWMO's current plan expires the end of 2016. Next year we will be looking at asking for input from all of VLAWMO's partners and drafting the Plan. 2016 will be focused on the process of local and state agency review, response and approval.

Della reviewed the strategic plan process and how the projects were ranked. She discussed the work plan calendar that was created and how staff would be delegated to the projects. Mample and Jones discussed the West Goose shoreline restoration project and that this particular one may need to be discussed further because it may not have longevity due to the site conditions. Mample stated the County may have to get involved in order to change the amount of road runoff going towards the lake.

Recommendation: approval of Project Matrix and Project Calendar for the Strategic Plan 2014 – 2016.

Della Young reviewed the completed Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Jones to approve the 2014-2016 Project Matrix Strategic Work Plan Calendar. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

B. Wetland Replacement Plan – Rapp Farm, Phase 5

Wetland Permit Application replacement plan for Rapp Farm Phase 5 North Oaks, MN. The project requires 5,856sf of permanent wetland impacts to one type 1/6 wetland, an area of Type 1 wetland dranaigeway/swale, and an area of type 1 wetland fringe. Impacts are proposed for replacement through the withdrawl of 11,712sf (2:1 ratio) of standard wetland credit from the Anderson Slough Wetland Bank. Both the proposed wetland impacts and the wetland bank are located in the City of North Oaks, Ramsey County, 7-County metro area, major watershed 20, bank service area 7.

Staff recommends approval of Rapp Farm Phase 5 Replacement Plan contingent on the completion of banking credit withdrawl of 11,712sf of standard wetland credit from the Anderson Slough Wetland Bank in North Oaks.

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Uzpen to approve the Rapp Farm Phase 5 Replacement Plan as per staff recommendations. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

C. Action on 2015 Budget

The draft 2015 has been reviewed, amended and recommended by the Finance Committee, the Technical Commission. It was presented for your review at the April 23rd meeting. The stormwater fee will be going up about 6%. Part of the increase is to do a market rate increase for employees. VLAWMO is required to adopt its budget for the following year by June 30th.

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Uzpen to adopt the 2015 budget. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

D. Election of Secretary-Treasurer

Tabled for this month.

VI. Report from the Chair

VII. Administrator's Report

VIII. Director's Report

IX. Next Meeting – August 27th

X. Public Comment

Mike Robertson introduced himself to the Board. He is the City Manager for North Oaks.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Murphy & seconded by Jones to adjourn at 7:35pm. Vote: all ayes. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Jenson.

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