



***Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Prior Lake City Hall Council Chambers***

Members Present: Larry Mueller, Bill Schmokel, Roger Wahl, Craig Gontarek & Bill Kallberg

Members Absent: All Present

Staff Present: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Jim Eggen, District Technician
Amy Tucci, Administrative Assistant
Stacy Sass, District Water Resources Technician
Joshua Mankowski, District Technician
Dean Gavin, District Attorney
Ed Matthiesen, District Engineer

Others Present: Steve Millar, City Council
Dan Jobe, Scott County Hwy Department
Marty Melchoir, Inter-Fluve

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Meeting called to order by President Gontarek at 6:30 PM
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mike Kinney asked to add letter K – MAWD dues and L – Contract service quotes. Manger Mueller moved to accept agenda. Second by Manager Kallberg. All ayes.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Manager Schmokel asked to remove Claims for further discussion.
5. **ITEMS REMOVED:** Manager Schmokel questioned Wenck invoices. Wenck invoices pulled for further discussion. All other claims approved
6. **TECHNICIAN'S REPORT:** No new permits at this time.
7. **OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Outlet Box Update & Outlet Structure Property Appraisal Report

Dean Gavin, District Attorney, talked to the Board about costs and actions regarding easements on the Morlock property. Attorney Gavin stated the District needed to make a good faith effort to obtain land by acquisition, and then would be able move forward with condemnation if necessary.

Manager Schmokel commented that he was impressed with the appraisal report.

Manager Schmokel moved to sign Resolution 09-218 and direct staff to proceed. Second by Manager Kallberg. All ayes.

Channel Update/Marty Melchoir

Marty Melchoir gave an update by segment regarding survey work and developing hydraulic models. Preliminary drawings are being done in January with hopes to have a product to submit to the Board for review in the next month or so.

The Segment 8 Culvert Replacement is in final stages of permitting. The City of Shakopee has received completed application materials. Replacement should take place within the next week and be finished in January.

Manager Schmokel asked who will be responsible for the maintaining the culvert?

Mike Kinney answered that according to the easement agreement, the Metropolitan Council.

Manager Schmokel requested a memo stating that the Met Council will indeed be in charge of maintaining the culvert as he doesn't want any confusion down the line.

Request to Purchase Wetland Credits

Mr. Dan Jobe, representing the Scott County Highway Department, asked to purchase wetland credits from the District. After some discussion, the Board decided at the time to decline this request and not sell any credits, though they commended Mr. Jobe for looking to them first.

FeCl System Update

Stacy Sass gave a brief update from the previous meeting discussion.

Manager Mueller asked her touch on the effectiveness of the system by asking "is it doing its job?"

Stacy responded that according to samples in 2008 it was not.

Mike Kinney added that he has talked with SWCD and discussed if they could do some survey work and get some other assistance from their staff on this matter. He also added that he would like to table this topic for now as he still wants to pull information together and try to come up with something comprehensive regarding costs and options.

TMDL Update

Mike Kinney shared that he has been working with the City of Prior Lake as well as Spring Lake Township to clarify issues and positions.

Manager Gontarek added that there still seems to be a lot of unknowns.

Mike Kinney proposed to go to the EPA and MPCA to ask for specific final guidance and then have a Special Meeting in February.

BREAK

Ed Matthiesen went through information on the BWSR listening session on December 19, 2008 (Environmental Amendment Listening Session).

Meeting Time Change Consideration

Mike Kinney addressed the Board about changing the meeting time by suggesting the meeting be moved forward from a 6:30pm start time to a 2:30pm start time. The day and location are to remain the same. Board liked the idea and approved the change to take place beginning with the February regular board meeting.

Amy Tucci was directed to have the time change published in the Prior Lake American the two weeks prior to the February meeting.

2009 Monitoring and Aquatic Vegetation

Topic tabled for February Meeting.

Cost Share Docket/Funding Level

Mike Kinney compared Scott County WMO (Water Management Organization) Cost Share Docket with the previous PLSLWD Cost Share Docket and noted the differences. The Board requested a final version for review for the next meeting. The Board did authorize \$30K as initial funding level for the 2009 Cost Share Program.

Tautges Redpath Annual Financial Report

A representative from Tautges Redpath would like to come to the February Board meeting to discuss the charges as there was a significant overrun.

Mike Kinney added that he has other concerns. He has contacted the State Auditor's office to see their process and to get a set of different eyes.

MAWD Dues Increase

Annual MAWD Dues will increase from \$2000 to \$4000, not the \$5000 originally reported. Some board members still questioned the rates and directed Mike Kinney to contact Ray Bohn about a three tier system to provide more equity, especially in the metro area.

Contract Service Quotes

After some discussion, Manager Schmokel motions to accept Dean Gavin's and Wenck Associates, Inc. Contract Service rates for 2009 as presented.

Administrator's Report

No other comments or questions. The Board accepted the report as provided.

Monthly Financial Report

Will pick up at later meeting due to year end delays.

Meeting Adjourned.

Craig Gontarek, President

William Schmokel, Secretary