



***Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
Prior Lake City Hall Council Chambers***

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

Members Absent: Larry Mueller

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: Peggy Moeller- HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd.  
Chris Schadow- District Accountant  
Jaime Rockney- Scott SWCD  
Emily Javens- Scott SWCD  
Barbara Marschall- Scott County Commissioner

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Meeting called to order by President Gontarek at 2:30 PM
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Manger Kallberg moved to accept agenda. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Manager Kallberg moved to accept consent agenda. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes.
5. **ITEMS REMOVED:** None
6. **TECHNICIAN'S REPORT:**  
  
Jim Eggen proceeded to go through outstanding permits and bring up discussion with the Board on how to clean such items up. After some discussion it was advised by Attorney Dean Gavin to send letters out to appropriate parties giving status of claims and notice of action.
7. **OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2007 Audit Overage Charges**

Peggy Moeller, of HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. gave a summary of the overage charges for the 2007 District Audit.

Accountant Chris Schadow also gave his comments about the overages and discussion continued.

Mike Kinney stated that in hindsight many things should have been done differently by both parties, but a 50/50 cost share is not advisable.

Manager Schmokel asked for clarification on the billed amount in comparison to the original amount. Mike Kinney stated that the original bill was just under \$10,000. Peggy Moeller reiterated that they incurred over \$6000 in overages related to the MOA and are only charging the District \$3000. Manager Schmokel moved to pay the HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. bill for \$3000 for overages on the 2007 Audit. Second by Manager Kallberg. All ayes.

Peggy Moeller gave a proposal for the 2008 Audit and noted that they will have client meeting both before and after the audit as well as contact the District as soon as any problems might occur. Mike Kinney pointed out that the proposal stated an amount not to exceed \$10,350. Manager Kallberg moved to accept the HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. Proposal for the 2008 District Audit for an amount not to exceed \$10, 350. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes.

### **2009 Monitoring (SWCD)**

Mike Kinney introduced the 2009 monitoring proposal as presented by Scott SWCD.

Manager Kallberg questioned the amount of staff training time and if there were any priority areas. Jaime Rockney, Scott SWCD, stated that the proposal covers enough training time and that monitoring would be done together with District staff and that District staff time was not included in the proposal. She also stated that the proposed method of monitoring is a good way to obtain a snapshot of the watershed for minimal cost due to the availability of equipment rental from Scott WMO.

Mike Kinney confirmed that monitoring would be a joint effort between District staff and SWCD and clarified that this proposal is based on a high flow year and that costs will be reduced if this spring is average or below. He reiterated that the proposed method of monitoring would produce a lot of data and help identify hot spots for future monitoring.

Manger Kallberg asked if the proposal was under the budget amount for 2009. Mike Kinney confirmed that the budget allowed for this level of monitoring. Manager Kallberg moved to accept the proposal for 2009 monitoring from Scott SWCD in and amount not to exceed \$35,044. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes.

### **WRMP Update/Wenck Proposal**

Stacy Sass gave an update on the status of the WRMP and introduced the Wenck proposal to the Board. Ed Matthiesen confirmed that the proposal was for a joint effort between District staff and Wenck to finish the WRMP. Stacy Sass informed the Board of the item in the proposal regarding staff coordination of and response to draft plan comments. She stated that she may need Wenck's assistance on this and wanted the Board to be aware of it.

Manager Schmokel moved to accept the Wenck proposal dated Feb 6, 2009 for the assistance in completing the WRMP in an amount not to exceed \$9955. Second by Manager Kallberg. All ayes.

Stacy Sass informed the Board of a public survey effort that is being planned as a means to obtain public input on the WRMP. The Board approved and gave direction to continue the plans.

### **Outlet Box Update**

Ed Matthiesen informed the Board of a meeting with Steve Albrecht of the City of Prior Lake regarding the storm sewer portion of the Outlet Box reconstruction plan. There was discussion regarding the jurisdiction the District has to address the issue.

Attorney Gavin stated that it is the City's jurisdiction and that the storm sewer portion of the work plan should be removed so that they do not mislead the property owners.

Ed Matthiesen asked for clarification of what he was removing from the drawings. It was decided that the pipe, manhole netpave will be removed from the drawings and that the netpave will be removed as well since it was required for access to the manhole.

Mike Kinney asked about site stabilization if no netpave is used. Ed Matthiesen confirmed that crushed limestone would be carried to the lake edge.

Manager Schmokel added that he would not mind adding this item back into the drawings if the City of Prior Lake wanted to do a joint project but that he was unwilling for the District to do it alone.

### **SWCD Update/Cost Share Docket**

Emily Javens, of Scott SWCD, presented the corrected version of the proposed 2009 SWCD docket. She discussed the specific changes that had been made since last year's docket and since the last version presented to the Board.

Manager Kallberg moved to accept the 2009 SWCD conservation practices docket as presented. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes.

Emily Javens presented a cost share application for the sealing of a small diameter well at 14300 Lois Avenue NE for an amount of \$250 or 25% project cost, whichever is less. Manager Kallberg moved to approve the cost share application as presented. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes

Mike Kinney gave an update on discussions with Scott SWCD to do survey work on the Highway 13 Wetland and the proposal for excavation of the wetland. The Board gave direction to continue discussions on the project.

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### **Channel Update**

Mike Kinney told the Board that he spoke with Inter-Fluve today and is working to get a proposed schedule for the remaining channel work. He stated that the priority for the work will be Segment 4a, 7, 2, and finally 3. He updated the Board that he made contact with the property owner on Segment 7b and hopes to complete the corrected easement soon.

Photos from the recent culvert replacement project on Segment 8 were shown.

Manager Schmokel asked to have a breakdown of current costs versus initial projected/approved costs for the channel project included in future Board packages.

### **Segment 3 (YMCA/SMSC) Easement**

Mike Kinney informed the Board that he met with Stan Ellison of the SMCC regarding a corrected easement on the YMCA site of Segment 3. He stated that Attorney Gavin has provided a draft easement document for review to the SMSC.

### **TMDL Update**

Jim Eggen informed the Board that the TMDL is still being processed by the PCA and they have not yet returned with comments on the second draft. He stated that the central remaining issue is the differentiation between the wasteload allocation and the load allocation.

Mike Kinney is working on holding a TMDL stakeholder meeting at the Spring Lake Town hall in March and would like to get some of the property owners involved in the discussion.

### **2009 Aquatic Vegetation/Blue Water Science Proposal**

The 2009 Blue Water Science Aquatic Plant proposal was reviewed. Manager Kallberg moved to approve the 2009 Blue Water Science proposal in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 with the condition that actual activities are to be done based on early season scouting activity. Second by Manager Schmokel. All ayes.

### **Metro Watershed Partners**

Mike Kinney introduced the 2009 Metro Watershed Partners program. He stated that the City of Prior Lake will be supporting the program and has requested that we match their pledge. Manager Kallberg asked about the status of the request from the Board last year that commercials to be played on Mediacom instead of only Comcast, as residents of the District only have access to Mediacom. The status was unknown. Manager Kallberg moved to approve a \$1000 pledge to Metro Watershed Partners with an additional \$1000 pledge if they are able to put commercials on Mediacom. Second by Manager Wahl. Three ayes. Manager Schmokel stated he would like it noted that he voted no not because he was opposed to the program but because he would like to see the commercials being played on Mediacom as well as Comcast.

### **MAWD Legislative Breakfast**

Mike Kinney stated that he would be attending the MAWD Legislative Breakfast and encouraged the managers to attend as well. Manager Kallberg stated that he would like to maintain a positive relationship with the District's local representative and suggested meeting with them in the near future.

### **TC Field Update**

Mike Kinney pointed out that TC Field is now being merged with another company. He will work with the current representative and any new representative to ensure a meeting with the Board happens this spring before the renewal of the District's insurance coverage.

### **AMC Task Force**

Manager Kallberg stated that the District should show a strong position for MAWD on this and that we are opposed to the AMC position. He suggested that we increase our legislative presence with our local representatives to ensure our interests are being held.

8. **Administrators Report:** No other comments or questions. Manager Schmokel moved to accept the report as presented. Second by Manager Wahl. All ayes.
9. **Administrative:**

### **Monthly Financial Report**

Mike Kinney reviewed the Financial Report for January 2009. Manager Schmokel stated he would like to see a representation of current costs versus initial projected/approved costs on all ongoing projects included on future financial reports. Manger Schmokel moved to accept report. Second by Manager Kallberg. All ayes.

### **Executive Session**

The board agreed with the proposed compensation increase for one of the technicians as presented by Mike Kinney.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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Craig Gontarek, President

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William Schmokel, Secretary