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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, November 10, 2014

**Rice Creek Watershed District Conference Room
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, Minnesota**

1 The Board convened workshop at 2:00 p.m.

2 Attendance: –Board members, Patricia Preiner, John Waller, Barbara Haake, Steve Wagamon and Harley
3 Ogata.

4 Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Office Manager Theresa Stasica; Lake and Stream Specialist Matthew
5 Kocian (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Permit
6 Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik (portion of meeting); Education, Outreach, and
7 Communications Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp (portion of meeting); District Engineer Chris Otterness–
8 Houston Engineering (HEI); District Attorney John Kolb -Rinke Noonan (via phone portion of meeting);
9 Pamela Massaro, Wenck (portion of meeting); Beth Kunkel, Kimley-Horn (portion of meeting); Beth Engum,
10 Ramsey County (portion of meeting).

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12 At the beginning of the workshop the Board agreed to add verbal updates by the Administrator at the end of
13 the workshop agenda.

14 **Presentation from Ramsey County/Wenck Engineering on former TCAAP concept and the proposed**
15 **comprehensive stormwater management plan.**

16 Beth Engum, of Ramsey County; Pamela Massaro, of Wenck; and Beth Kunkel, of Kimley-Horn gave a
17 presentation of the Board and Staff regarding the future development of TCAAP, their comprehensive storm
18 water management plan and planned green corridor.

19 **Update on Dan Hair donation status.**

20 District Attorney John Kolb updated the Board on the Dan Hair donation. He had spoken with the appraiser on
21 how the appraisal was performed and the value was achieved and everything is in order. The appraisal identifies
22 the value of the donation of \$413,000 and the draft resolution identifies that this donation is in the public
23 purpose and the order is to accept that donation and acknowledge the appraised value of that donation. Mr.
24 Hair has also recorded the quit claim deed and he has submitted it to the District. All items are in order to act
25 on it at the Wednesday Board meeting

26 **Discussion on Anoka County Ditch 53 -62 project– update on inspection and project**
27 **management/coordination.**

28 District Engineer Chris Otterness update the Board on the recent work that has been performed. District
29 Attorney John Kolb gave background on the draft resolution 2014-41_Consider resolution for the supplemental
30 order for the repair of Branch 1 of Anoka County Ditch 53-62 by realigning a portion of the drainage system to avoid
31 wetland impacts. At the time of the Board original order for the Repair of Br. 1 ACD 53-62, the realignment of a portion of
32 Branch 1 was unknown due to uncertain development that was soon to take place. At this time the District has acquired

33 the necessary rights of way to finally locate the realignment. This resolution will direct the engineer to revise the plan set
34 for the repair to include realignment of the drainage system within the new right of way.

35 **Update on landowner information meetings on Anoka County Ditch 31 and Anoka County Ditch 46 and**
36 **discussion on possible boundary change.**

37 District Administrator Belfiori requested that the postponed information meeting be rescheduled to December
38 8th. The Board by consensus agreed. Staff and consultants discussed with the Board ACD 31 drainage area which
39 extends into the Sunrise WMO. Attorney John Kolb described the process for boundary changes. The Board by
40 consensus asked staff to contact Sunrise WMO and discuss the boundary change.

41 Attorney John Kolb updated the Board on the Robinson issue on ACD 10-22-32 and his conversations with Mr.
42 Robinson's attorney. The Board by consensus agreed with counsel and staff to re-evaluate the site in spring to
43 see if maintenance is needed.

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45 District Administrator Belfiori updated the Board on NNG pipelines permit and delay due to contractor issues.
46 Staff will work with Attorney Kolb to contact NNG on their CAPROC'd permit.
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48 **Discussion on pre-application level of service.**

49 District Administrator Belfiori and Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik lead a discussion on what
50 level of service the Board would like to see for applicants. The District has been asked by a city engineer to
51 provide pre-approvals of certain items prior to permit application with the District. There was discussion
52 regarding the interrelatedness of application materials, potential for error in approving items out of the context
53 of a complete application as well as additional administration effort and cost. The Board's consensus was that
54 the District should provide pre-application meetings but staff /District engineer should not to provide pre-
55 approval of certain items of a permit. Based on this Board consensus, Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist
56 Tomczik recommended the District send a letter to all the cities/road authorities in the District outlining the
57 opportunity of pre-application meetings. The Board agreed by consensus with the distribution of the letter.

58 **Update /status on Bald Eagle Lake dam.**

59 Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that the Hugo City Council approved DNR grant agreement. The
60 District has received a permit application from the City for the repair and will be reviewed under the District
61 existing rules. At the Wednesday Board meeting, the Board will consider the approval of the minor
62 amendments to the District's WMP. The approval will satisfy the contingencies in the RCWD MOA with the
63 city.

64 **Discussion /Update on scoping meeting for Middle Rice Creek restoration engineering services.**

65 Administrator Belfiori reviewed with the Board their meeting with EOR regarding the projects scope of work. He
66 outlined the 4 fee increase items that were discussed. New `items: Soil contamination, and "no net rise"
67 analysis; and Updated items: added design work, and additional construction observation. Staff recommended
68 three of the 4 items. They did not recommend the soil contamination at this time. The Board discussed the
69 items and different contingencies. Manager Ogata recommended having two contingencies, so they would split
70 out the soils contamination item. Upon further discussion, the board reached majority consensus to agree with
71 Manager Ogata's recommendation.
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73 **Follow-up discussion on Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).**

74 Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt presented information to the Board on the CREP program. After Board
75 discussion the majority consensus was not to support the MAWD Resolution on securing permanent CREP
76 funding.

77 **Discussion on Blue Thumb transition strategy.**

78 Education, Outreach, and Communications Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp provided the Board with a draft
79 Blue Thumb transition plan and gave a brief update on recent activities. The Board reached consensus to agree
80 with and support the direction of draft transition plan as was distributed and summarized at the workshop
81 meeting.

82 Manager Waller left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

83 **Discussion on Citizen Advisory Committee application.**

84 Education, Outreach, and Communications Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp informed the Board of 2 CAC
85 applicants. The Board will bring the applicants to the December 10, 2014 meeting for consideration.

86 **Update on District inspector position.**

87 Administrator Belfiori updated the Board on the interview process and candidates to be considered.

88 **Verbal Updates.**

89 Administrator Belfiori proposed that the holiday luncheon for Board and Staff be on December 8th at 12:30 p.m.
90 The Board agreed.

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92 Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that no additional information had been received from the City of
93 Lino Lakes on the proposed Peltier outlet.

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95 Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that MAWD Director Ray Bohn had contacted him requesting that
96 he be a member of a technical groundwater advisory committee. The Board agreed with his appointment.

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98 Administrator Belfiori proposed a farewell luncheon for Manager Ogata for January 12, 2015 at noon before the
99 workshop. The Board agreed.

100 The workshop was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.