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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, July 7, 2014

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

1 The Board convened workshop at 1:22 p.m.

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

4 Absent: None.

5 Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Office
6 Manager Theresa Stasica; Lake & Stream Specialist Matt Kocian (portion of meeting); District Engineers Mark
7 Deutschman & Chris Otterness– Houston Engineering (HEL); District Attorney Chuck Holtman-Smith
8 Partners (via phone portion of meeting); District Drainage Attorney’s John Kolb-Rinke Noonan.

9 **Discuss draft preliminary 2015 budget.**

10 Administrator Belfiori reviewed the draft preliminary 2015 budget and reviewed the budget materials
11 distributed to the Board. He reviewed the summary memo of the proposed draft 2015 budget, the high level
12 summary budget, the preliminary Bald Eagle lake budget, the possible future CIP project list, proposed salary
13 administration memo, the proposed fund transfers related to the targeted watershed program, the District’s
14 fund balance policy, permitting program expenditures and proposed budget schedule. The Board by consensus
15 agreed that an additional budget workshop was not needed and the draft preliminary budget as presented
16 should be brought forward to the budget public hearing which will be noticed for the August 27, 2014 Board
17 meeting.

18 **Discussion on proposed Anoka County Ditch 55 repair memos.**

19 District Engineer Otterness gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the repair memo and engineer’s options
20 for minor repair. . The engineer’s recommendation is to replace tile on the main trunk and branch 8 east of 35E
21 and televisé tile crossings under 35E. At this this time, the most important part of the minor maintenance is the
22 realignment of the outlet which will provide multiple benefits to landowners. Drainage Attorney Kolb
23 recommended the overall repair project be done incrementally and in smaller portions. The next steps are for
24 the Board to discuss the realignment work further after the District receives written response to the District’s
25 request for an easement from the landowner.

26 **Discussion on Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 ditch maintenance.**

27 Drainage Attorney Kolb reviewed with the Board a draft letter to Mr. Robinson, as directed by the Board at their
28 last workshop. The Board requested by consensus that Drainage Attorney Kolb include the various conservation
29 programs that Mr. Robinson may enroll in that would protect the ditch. They also requested that he send the
30 letter from his office.

31 **Discussion on letter to EPA.**

32 Drainage Attorney Kolb informed the Board that the comment deadline had been extended. He will have a
33 draft of the letter to the Board for their review and comment the first week of August.

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34 **Update on City of Lino Lakes NE Area Stormwater Plan.**

35 Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that the District met with city representatives and a representative
36 from Mattamy Homes. At the meeting, the City discussed a concept plan for a proposed linear greenway type
37 outlet from this area. The City is working with developer(s) in the area on this concept plan. Detailed meeting
38 minutes were taken and included that the City will provide the District with a list of specific information for the
39 next meeting. District Engineer Deutschman reiterated that the City is at the concept level.

40 **Update/Discussion on Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branch 1 repair project and project permitting.**

41 Engineer Deutschman handed out two draft memo's regarding the project and permitting. He also requested
42 Managers Haake and Waller update the Board on the July 1st DNR meeting regarding the District's rare plant
43 species survey. The Managers summarized the meeting for the Board. District Engineers Deutschman and
44 Otterness gave background on the two memo's and informed the Board they would bring final memos to the
45 Board meeting on 7/9/14. Engineer Deutschman also stated that he would start work on a more detailed
46 technical memo related to the 10 areas where plants were initially found and how the District will manage the
47 risk by implementation of this avoidance plan. The engineer informed the Board that once the contract is
48 awarded, they will take the contractor into the field to review the plans to help manage risk. The Board
49 requested information regarding any financial risk for the project and our insurance coverage. Staff will bring
50 the updated HEI memos to the Board meeting on Wednesday for Board action.

51 **Discussion on definition of regional flood control.**

52 Administrator Belfiori stated District Engineer Deutschman presentation was to start the conversation on the
53 item. District Engineer Deutschman reviewed his interpretation with the Board on the definition of regional
54 flood control versus local flood relief. The Board discussed his presentation and agreed this was a policy issue
55 and would continue discussions in the future.

56 **Discussion on sediment basins and budgeting.**

57 Administrator Belfiori reviewed the District facilities map with the Board and reminded the Board of the
58 recommended District sediment basin budget item within the draft preliminary 2015 budget. District Engineer
59 Deutschman reviewed the history of the sediment basin with the Board. The Board discussed the obligation of
60 the District. The Board by consensus agreed to phase 2 of Houston Engineering task order to analyze upstream
61 areas for the rate of sediment and where it is coming from to increase the longevity of the sediment basin, to
62 look at options for upstream work to reduce sediment delivery and to analyze dredging options long-term.

63 **Discussion on letter from Anoka County regarding the Bald Eagle Lake Dam.**

64 Administrator Belfiori, District's consultants and legal counsel outlined the letter from the Anoka County
65 Commissioners and discussed the meeting tomorrow with the City of Hugo, DNR, and county Commissioners.

66 Manager Preiner left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. At that time, Manager Haake was recognized as the chair.

67 There was some discussion by some of the managers that perhaps Manager Ogata should recues himself as
68 related to the future decisions on BEL dam because of a potential conflict of interest.

69 The workshop was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.