Managers Present: Wade Johnson, Kristin Tuenge, Tom Polasik, Andy Weaver, Eric Lindberg & Paul Richert

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Susannah Torseth (Galowitz • Olson Law), Carl Almer (EOR), Mike Isensee (WCD), John Hanson (Barr Engineering), Wendy Greene (BHE Renewables), Doug Tabes, Bryan Smebakken, Jessica Lindenmier (CLFL Watershed District); Matt Downing (WCD)

Manager Tuenge called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1)  a) Approve Agenda as amended
    Manager Weaver moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 5-0. President Johnson not present for vote.

2) Minutes from December 12, 2018
    Manager Tuenge moved to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Manager Lindberg. Motion carried 5-0. President Johnson not present for vote.

3) Treasurer’s Report
    Manager Tuenge presented the Treasurer’s Report. Manager Tuenge moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Manager Polasik. Motion carried 6-0.

4) Public Comments: None

5) Presentations and Agenda Items subject to Public Comments:
   a) Discussion of Agenda Item 7(a)(iii): P19-001 Smebakken Wetlands Excavation
      • Administrator Shaver reported that Jay Riggs of the Washington Conservation District has reviewed the project and approves it.
      • Mr. Smebakken presented his plan as submitted in the permit application, and answered questions from the Managers.
      • President Johnson expressed reservation about the proposed plan because it will convert the current wetland from a type 2 wetland to a shallow marsh type of wetland with the removal of the reed canary grass and soil along the edge of the wetland. This conversation will result in loss of habitat.
      • Manager Tuenge moved to approve Permit 19-001 subject to review and approval of the plan by the District’s Engineer. Seconded by President Johnson. Motion carried 5-1 with Manager Richert dissenting.
b) **Discussion of Agenda Item 7(a)(i): P17-013 Zavoral (Argo-Navis) Solar Update.**

- Administrator Shaver reported that the Technical Evaluation Panel met at Barr Engineering in the past month to discuss site conditions and provide recommendations, including the suggestion to retain a woodlands ecologist to examine the damage that has occurred to the bluff and work toward implementing a plan specific to that area.
- Wendy Greene from BHE has been working diligently with all of agencies that have concerns with the area to reach an end-result that address the areas that need restoration as well as preventing the same scenario from happening again.
- Engineer Almer reviewed the preliminary draft plans submitted by Barr Engineering and provided comments on the draft plans. Engineer Almer addressed questions and comments from the Managers.

c) **Discussion of Agenda Item 7(d): Water Monitoring.**

- Presentation by Matt Downing of the Washington Conservation District regarding monitoring of the lakes and streams in the CMSCWD by WCD.

6) **Project Updates**

a) **Marine Stormwater Phase I:** Administrator Shaver and Engineer Almer met with County representatives on Monday, January 7, 2019. The County agreed to pay for a portion of the required restoration work and continue to work with the Watershed District as items in the project continues to be assessed and monitored.

b) **Marine Stormwater Phase II (Ravine):**

- Attorney Torseth reported that all of the necessary Consents and Agreements have been signed by property owners to give the District confidence that easements will be signed and recorded after legal descriptions are drafted.
- Engineer Almer reported on conversations his office had with MNDOT which laid out the schedule to be able to keep MNDOT funding.

c) **Marine Stormwater Phase III:**

- Administrator Shaver has contacted PCA and reconfirmed by email that the District will be issued a contract for the grant it was awarded.

d) **Goose Lake Landing IESF (St. Sauver):** None.

e) **133rd Street/Panorama:**

- The District has not heard from May Township’s Engineer to work on funding for this Project.
- Engineer Almer stated that soil borings and engineering for the site can start based on the One Watershed One Plan funding the District has received.

f) **Long/Terrapin AIS Filter:** None
7) New Business
   a) Permits: See Discussion notes in Section 5 of these Minutes.

   b) Cost Share: None

   c) Redpath Auditor’s Engagement Letter: Manager Tuenge moved to authorize the
      Board President to sign the Engagement Letter for Redpath services as Auditor on
      the 2019 audit to be performed in 2019. President Johnson seconded. Motion carried
      6-0.

   d) Monitoring – Matt Downing: See Discussion notes in Section 5 of these Minutes.

   e) Winter Newsletter: Manager Tuenge moved to authorize the Administrator to work
      with Comfort Lake Forest Lake staff and EMWREP to send out four District
      newsletters per year. Seconded by President Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

   f) Cecily Harris Property: The District has been requested to consider sharing $5,000.00
      of the cost of purchasing the property by some council members of Marine. Other
      contributors would be City of Marine and the Mill Stream Association. Administrator
      Shaver disclosed he is on the Board for the Mill Stream Association.

   g) Changes to Legal Services Rates: Attorney Torseth presented a Memorandum presented
      to the Managers regarding 2019 Legal service rates.

   h) Adopt-a-Drain: Managers reviewed Memorandum included in packet.

   i) 2019 Groundwater Budget Items: Managers indicated they would prefer to speak with
      Stu Grubb of EOR prior to making any decisions on whether the District will invest funds
      in groundwater management.

   j) Contribution to Salt Symposium: Manager Polasik moved to authorize spending
      $500 sponsoring the salt symposium. Seconded by President Johnson. Motion
      carried 6-0.

8) Old Business

   a) Planning Updates
      i) LSCWP (One Watershed) Update: Mike Isensee reported that there is a meeting
         scheduled for January to discuss creating a map of wetlands in the State.

   b) Administrator Transition Update:
      - President Johnson has not received additional feedback from Sara Noah, the Consultant
        contacted by the District.
Manager Tuenge moved to authorize President Johnson to post an announcement for job post for a new Administrator after final review from herself and Attorney Torseth. Seconded by Manager Lindberg. Motion carried 6-0.

9) Other Reports:
- None

10) Bills to Be Paid
Manager Tuenge moved to pay the bills in the amount of $45,173.69. Seconded by President Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

11) Next Meetings
- Regular Board Meeting is February 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Scandia Heritage Room.

12) Adjourn
Manager Polasik moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by President Tuenge. Motion carried 6-0.

Submitted by: Administrator Jim Shaver