Managers Present: Wade Johnson, Kristin Tuenge, Paul Richert and Andy Weaver

Managers Absent: Eric Lindberg and Tom Polasik

Others Present: Jim Shaver (Administrator), Susannah Torseth (Galowitz • Olson), Kyle Crawford (EOR), John Goodfellow, Larry Whitacre, Michael Tibbets.

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

1) Approve Agenda as amended
Manager Tuenge moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by President Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.

Add 7(e) – Administrator Shaver’s Retirement Party

2) a) Minutes from May 8, 2019
Manager Tuenge moved to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes as amended. Seconded by President Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.
Line 27 – Correction that Treasurer’s Report was Presented by Manager Tuenge
Line 130 – Correct to: “Engineer Almer provided a report”.
Line 199 – “quested” corrected to “requested”

b) Minutes from May 22, 2019
President Johnson moved to approve the May 22, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Manager Tuenge. Motion carried 3-0 with Manager Richert abstaining.

3) Treasurer’s Report
Manager Tuenge presented the Treasurer’s Report.
President Johnson moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Manager Richert. Motion carried 4-0.

4) Public Comments: John Goodfellow provided an update regarding the Watershed Steward program he has been researching and preparing with funding and support from the District. Also provided comments to the Managers on multiple issues current to the District’s interests or active projects, including anticipated project that will impact stormwater in downtown Marine.
Discussion regarding work around the Mill Stream in Marine. Administrator Shaver reported review of meeting of multiple District residents and DNR representative.

5) Presentations and Agenda Items subject to Public Comments:
a) **Marine Ravine Project – Bid Review and recommendation (Item 8(b)):**

- Administrator Shaver provided an update regarding the project and reviewed the bids received for the project.
- Engineer Crawford commented that the bids are higher than anticipated. It is speculated that the high bids are likely due to the timing of when the bids were requested and due to the difficulty of the project.
- Recommendation is to rebid the project in the winter. In the intervening time, EOR will review the project and discuss any concerns that

President Johnson moved to reject all current bids and put project out to bid in winter of 2019 or spring of 2020. Seconded by Manager Tuenge. Motion passed 4-0.

- Larry Whitacre: property owner (Pine Cone Trail) was present to receive an update of the Project. Expressed disappointment that the project is not moving forward right now, but understood the District’s rationale to wait once he saw the bids. Expressed gratitude to the Managers for doing this project and “doing the project right.”
- Mr. Tibbets commented that he prepared and posted a video on the internet. Mr. Tibbets received a letter from the Watershed District. Mr. Tibbets is concerned about an “industrialized approach” that the District is taking. He acknowledges that the project is an “environmental project,” and that he is a pragmatist and realizes the project is going to move forward. He had questions about the funding from MNDot and whether there would be a cost-savings to the project if it were approached from the bottom of the ravine rather than the top.

6) **Project Updates**

a) **Marine Stormwater Phase I:** None

b) **Marine Stormwater Phase II (Ravine):** See Discussion notes in Section 5(a) of these Minutes.

c) **Marine Stormwater Phase III:** None

d) **Goose Lake Landing IESF (St. Sauver):** Engineer Crawford reported that the contractor has returned to the site and completed a final punch list. There will be continued monitoring by EOR and they are waiting for the site to stabilize. There were some changes in the earth-work on site that resulted in a change order.

Manager Tuenge moved to accept change order no. 1 for the amount of $8,115.80 and approve pay requests no. 1 & 2 for the amount of $__________. President Johnson seconded motion. Motion passed 4-0.

e) **Goose, Hay, and South Twin Implementation:** None

f) **Advanced Implementation (6 Lakes Watershed Grant – Clean Water Fund Grant):**
Mike Isensee reported that EOR is finalizing the analysis and will then send the analysis to WCD for review. WCD will then send out letters to landowners.

g) **133rd Street/Panorama**: Administrator Shaver, Attorney Torseth, Chairperson Voedisch met with affected residents to discuss the project. Meeting was successful and signatures were obtained to allow the District to enter the residents’ properties to being engineering and survey work for the project.

h) **Long/Terrapin AIS Treatment**: Administrator Shaver was invited to the Lake Association’s annual meeting. EOR provided a presentation on AIS treatment and Administrator Shaver feels it was a positive meeting.

i) **Long/Terrapin AIS Filter**: Letters need to be sent out to Long Lake resident for the project to let them know AIS treatments will occur within 150 of the shoreline.

j) **Lake Assessments**: None

k) **Bliss Addition Stormwater**: None

l) **Marine Stormwater Phase IV**: None

7) **New Business**

a) **Permits**:


   President Johnson moved to approved permits P19-016, P19-017 and P19-018 subject to engineer’s review and approval. Seconded by Manager Richert. Motion passed 4-0.

b) **Cost Share**: No Report

c) **2018 Audit**: Manager Tuenge moved to receive the 2018 Audit prepared by Redpath Associates. Seconded by Manager ________. Motion passed 4-0.

d) **Boat Rental for Community Thread River Clean-Up**: District paid for boat rental last year and there is a request to pay for the rental again. 

   President Johnson moved to pay the expense of 1 days pontoon rental not to exceed $400 to support the Community Thread River Clean Up. Seconded by Manager Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

e) **Administrator Shaver Retirement Party**: Manager Tuenge is planning this event. July 16, 2019 at Brookside Restaurant in Scandia 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

8) **Old Business**

a) **Wally Srock Project**: Administrator Shaver stated that because the District is putting the Marine Ravine project on hold until next year, there will be some financial leeway for the District and he believes it would be beneficial for the District to provide some funds to
the Wally Srock project to help complete that project. Mike Isensee provided an update
and review of the project for the Managers.
Manager Tuenge moved to approve the District contributing an additional $8,119.70
to the $20,465.00 already approved toward the project. President Johnson seconded
the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

b) St. Sauver Change Order and Pay Request: See Discussion notes in Section 6(d) of
these Minutes.

c) Planning Updates
   i. LSCWP (One Watershed): Mr. Isensee provided an update of the most recent
   meeting.

d) Administration Transition - update:
   President Johnson provided an update regarding conversations with Candidate Isensee
from the last regular board meeting.
   • Offer was made to Mike Isensee as approved by the Managers at closed meeting on
   May 22, 2019.
   • Mr. Isensee responded to the District’s offer that he was interested in working as
   Administrator for the District.
   • Mr. Isensee requested the District consider hiring him as an independent contractor
   continuing to work for the Washington Conservation District.
   • The executive committee met with Mr. Isensee to discuss the possibility of hiring him
   as an independent contractor rather than as an employee of the Watershed District.
   • The consensus of the executive committee is that the preference is to offer Mr.
   Isensee the position of Administrator as a District employee rather than as an
   independent contractor working for the Washington Conservation District.
   • Managers discussed whether an educational component be included in an
   employment agreement with Mr. Isensee that is comparable to what he currently has
   with the WCD.
   • Managers discussed Mr. Isensee’s counter-offer and prepared draft terms for
   Employment Agreement.

9) Other Reports: None

10) Bills to Be Paid
    President Johnson moved to pay the bills in the amount of $58,370.77. Seconded by
    Manager Tuenge. Motion carried 4-0.

11) Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

12) Adjourn
President Johnson moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Manager Richert.
Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Administrator Jim Shaver