

Minutes of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers Special Meeting

**Thursday, January 7, 2016
5:30 pm**

Managers in Attendance: Kloiber, Peterson, Lynch, Twele, Segreto

Staff in Attendance: Bigalke, Sniegowski, Zembal, Legal Counsel Louis Smith and Micheal Welch, Engineering Advisors Bob Obermeyer and Janna Keiffer

Call to Order

President Kloiber called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

NMCWD Watershed Management Plan Development

Administrator Bigalke stated that tonight's meeting is to kick off the watershed management plan development process. Bigalke stated that tonight staff would walk through the plan development process, citizen input, the schedule and if time allowed, start to review Chapter 4 of the current plan.

Bigalke stated that the current plan was adopted in March 2007 and the goal is to adopt a new plan in March 2017.

Attorney Smith stated that there is an initial agency and city review and comment period that allows agencies and cities to provide comments on the current plan and to bring concerns or issues to the District attention as it begins its planning process.

Bigalke stated that letters will be going out to the agencies and cities on January 8, 2016 and the comments period will end on March 8, 2016.

Attorney Welch explained that the District will have to consider the timing of the District's plan with the timing of the Cities Local Water Management Plans. MN Rule 8410 set timeframes for when the plans need to be completed and stated that there may be issues if a city adopts a new Local Water Management Plan before the District adopts its new plan. Bigalke stated that if all goes well, this should not be an issue as the District will be adopting a new plan in the spring of 2017 and the Cities have until 2018 to adopt a new plan.

Bigalke discussed the items that are required to be in the plan by MN Rule 8410. He stated that revisions to MN Rule 8410 allow the plan to be streamlined by referencing certain parts of the plan such as water quality data and land and water inventory information rather than including these items in the plan. Bigalke stated the plan could reference these items and provide a link on the District's website to the information.

Bigalke also stated that Education and Outreach staff will be putting together a survey to be completed by citizens and residents of the District. The intent of the survey is to gather additional feedback on concerns and issues from constituents. Erica Sniegowski stated that the survey would be done with Survey Monkey and a draft of the survey would be ready for Board review at the next planning meeting.

Sniegowski stated that she and Gael Zembal would also have computers or possibly tablets at tabling events in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, and other allowing people attending the events to complete the survey on site.

Bigalke and Sniegowski stated that they were considering citizen input meetings in addition to the survey. The number and location of meetings will be decided before the next planning meeting.

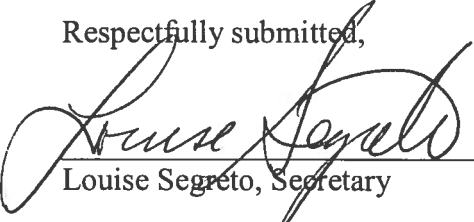
Bigalke continued discussing the plan input process. He stated that a Technical Advisory Committee would be used to provide feedback on the plan and to review chapters of the new plan as they are completed. He said the Technical Advisory Committee would include representatives from each of the six cities, Hennepin County, and State agencies.

Bigalke stated that additional Board meetings would need to be set. The Board asked how frequently they would need to meet. Bigalke stated that he thought monthly special meetings would be good for the early stages of the plan development process and more frequent meetings may be necessary as the plan get closer to completion. Bigalke asked the Board to review their calendars and be prepared to set the meeting schedule at the January regular Board meeting on January 20, 2016.

President Kloiber stated that a lot of information was presented and that a motion to adjourn was in order.

Manager Segreto moved to adjourn the meeting. Manager Lynch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned upon a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise Segreto, Secretary