

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Managers Present: Steve Kloiber, Maressia Twele, Jodi Peterson

Managers Absent: Louise Segreto, Corrine Lynch

Staff Present: Kevin Bigalke, Janna Kieffer, Erica Sniegowski, Bob Obermeyer

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Permit 2016-63: Trunk Highway 169 Bridge Replacement

Administrator Bigalke stated that there was a change to the permit number from what was listed on the agenda.

Engineer Obermeyer provided an overview of the project. He stated that the concern with the project had been largely with the impact on the upstream and downstream flood elevations. Obermeyer stated that to address this concern the design engineer has proposed 16 box culverts to address flood flows for the 2, 10, and 100 year storm events.

Obermeyer stated that this maintains the existing 100 year flood elevation at 878.5 upstream of the causeway/bridge replacement and 878.4 downstream of the causeway.

Obermeyer stated that the smaller, more frequent flood events were still a concern, the 2 year and 10 year events.

Obermeyer stated that the project does have floodplain fill and encroachment, but that the project was proposing to provide for flood plain compensation to meet the District's requirements.

Obermeyer stated that there is a need for a variance for the wetland buffers. MNDOT will do an assessment after the project is complete to determine the areas of wetland buffer.

Obermeyer stated that this is a design build project and that the proposed approach may change, but as it is presented, the plans meet the District's criteria with the wetland buffer variance.

Manager Twele made a motion to approve a variance for the wetland buffers finding it is not in the best interest to fill more wetland to achieve the wetland buffer, that there are not any feasible options, and that the site constraints of the road right-of-way cause a hardship. The motion was seconded by Manager Peterson. Upon a vote, the variance was granted.

Manager Peterson moved, seconded by Manager Twele to approve Permit 2016-63. Upon a vote, the motion passed.

2. Water Management Plan Development

A. Review of Chapters 2 & 3

Administrator Bigalke stated that tonight we will briefly review Chapter 2 & 3. Janna Kieffer provided a brief presentation on Chapter 2 & 3 and the content of each chapter. Staff asked managers to review the chapters and provide comments to Kevin and Janna by e-mail.

Manager Twele asked if there was a list of past project and activities in the plan. Erica Sniegowski stated that there could possibly be a link to past projects on the website.

Manager Kloiber asked if the maps and graphics were going to be designed for handicapped accessibility.

B. Manager issue prioritization

Janna Kieffer review the priorities that managers had worked on in previous meetings.

Manager Kloiber stated that he would like to also see staff priorities. This should include staff and well as legal and engineering consultants.

The Board discussed the wetlands priorities. Managers asked about what was meant by wetland inventory and if we know where the high value wetlands are.

C. Review Chapter 4

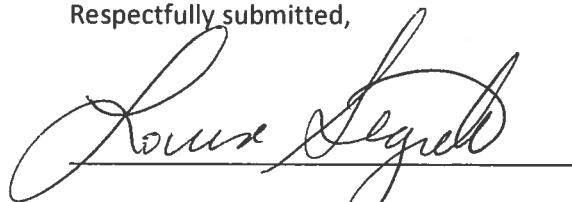
Janna Kieffer stated that Chapter 4 has the lake water quality goals of the District. She said that the tables have been revised. Kieffer stated that staff would like discussion and guidance from the Board on the lake goals.

Manager Kloiber stated that the District should move toward the State ambient water quality standards.

Administrator Bigalke stated that the District could also establish goals based on ecological health, especially for those lakes that might not be able to meet State standards. It was recommended that the plan incorporate monitoring for ecological health of lakes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louise Segreto", written over a horizontal line.

Louise Segreto, Secretary