

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Chair Kloiber called the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Office, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

Managers Present: Twele, Lynch, Kloiber, and Peterson

Managers Absent: Segreto (term expired)

Advisors Present: Michael Welch, Janna Kieffer, Erica Sniegowski, and Randy Anhorn

**Agenda**

Manager Peterson moved, seconded by Manager Twele, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

**Hearing of Permit Requests**

Administrator Anhorn noted that the permit requests are fairly routine and have been discussed in the past.

**A. WCA No-Loss Determination: 6365 Carlson Drive Basin Excavation (Clean-out) and Sediment Removal from Creek Channel; Eden Prairie**

Engineer Kieffer provided a brief overview of the request and the action the Board took at the October meeting. She stated that the sediment removal and erosion control permits that will be requested for this project can be issued administratively and therefore the applicant will work with Administrator Anhorn for that aspect.

Manager Lynch moved, seconded by Manager Twele, to approve the WCA No-Loss Determination for 6365 Carlson Drive Basin Excavation and Sediment Removal from Creek Channel. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

**B. Permit #2016-02: Permit Amendment to Include ECE II, LLC as Permittee**

Attorney Welch explained the amendment that adds another applicant and provided additional details. He stated after staff researched the issue, it was determined that the Managers approved the permit at the August meeting but noted that it may not have been clear at that time and he simply wanted to explain that the additional permittee would be added. He noted that no action would be necessary tonight.

**C. Permit #2015-87: Blake Development, LLC Permit Extension Request for the “Berman Woods” Subdivision**

Engineer Kieffer stated that the Managers approved this permit at the October 2015 meeting. She noted that plans have not changed, the applicant is simply requesting more time through an extension.

Manager Peterson moved, seconded by Manager Twele, to approve the permit extension. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

**Nine Mile Creek Watershed Management Plan Development**

**A. Continued Review and Discussion on Draft Chapter 5 – Goals, Objectives, Policies and Actions**

Engineer Kieffer explained that the intent tonight is to continue to review the remaining goals, objectives, policies and actions from draft chapter five that the Board did not get to during the last workshop. She noted that some additional items had been added since the last review in order to accommodate some comments that she received from Managers between the meetings. She reviewed the remaining draft goals, objectives, policies and actions.

Attorney Welch provided additional explanation, and the Board provided input, on the question of the plan promoting regional stormwater treatment while the rules require on-site control. It was determined that staff will continue to work out details regarding when on-site stormwater would be the preferable option for stormwater volume control and when regional stormwater treatment was more preferable.

Engineer Kieffer continued to review the draft goals, objectives, policies and actions. She provided explanation of how the input of the Managers and public had been integrated into some of the items and the Managers provided additional input on the draft items.

It was determined that the Board would prefer the term natural areas rather than open space. The Managers also identified items that could be duplicative and could be consolidated.

Engineer Kieffer noted that although some of the duplicative items are actually action items under different goals but confirmed that staff would attempt to consolidate items.

The Board discussed whether to use the term “require” or “promote” for certain actions and the consensus was to use the term “require”. The Board provided input on how information can be shared with member cities through education and outreach activities such as focused workshops.

Attorney Welch noted that the rules are already called into the plan through reference and therefore individual rules should not be called out specifically.

The Board discussed the climate change goal and how specific the action items under that item should be.

### **Discuss Schedule and Partnership Prioritization Criteria**

Attorney Welch stated that this item is responsive to a note from the last workshop meeting in which the Board discussed member cities coming to the District asking for assistance and developing criteria to review those requests. He reviewed different options for both offensive and defensive planning strategies for developing criteria.

Chair Kloiber stated that he would like to use the situations from the past as a guide to provide consistency.

The Board continued discussions including funding restraints and whether a regional benefit would be provided. It was determined that the Board and staff would continue to think about the issue and discussion could continue at the upcoming regular Board meeting.

### **Next Steps**

Administrator Anhorn noted that the next workshop would focus on implementation. He stated that originally the Board planned to skip December because of the MAWD conference and the holidays. He stated that the intent is to have this completed by February and suggested either holding two workshops in January or one in January and one in February.

Engineer Kieffer stated that implementation discussions would require two meetings.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold one workshop in January and one in early February.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Manager Peterson, seconded by Manager Twele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Corrine Lynch, Secretary

