

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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., Thursday, October 13, 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 has expired)

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

Nine Mile Creek Watershed Management Plan Development

A. Review and Discuss Draft Chapter 5 – Goals, Objectives, Policies and Actions

Engineer Kieffer provided a brief overview of the progress made thus far on this section of the Plan. She highlighted different elements and noted which category the elements would fall under for the Plan. She explained that with the exception of climate change, the categories were taken from the existing Plan.

Attorney Welch noted that legal provides input on the structure that BWSR will look for when reviewing the Plan and therefore made the recommendation for the categories. He noted that under the new rules, BWSR wants to see the District show how the input from the TAC, CAC, citizen input helped to shape the plan.

Engineer Kieffer stated that there will be a part in the Plan which explains the process that was followed and noted that a cross reference would be provided as well. It was noted that some of the information included in the Plan is very technical and not really easy reading for the general public and therefore perhaps something could be done to show the highlights in a more easily readable format, such as a summary, that can be used for education and outreach. She confirmed the consensus of the Board to remain with the current structure of the Plan but also include a clear picture of the process the District has followed to create the Plan and integrate the comments received.

Attorney Welch noted that drainage should be its own goal. It was determined that staff would develop some draft language for the Board to review.

Engineer Kieffer reviewed the different policies and actions under each category with the Board and there was discussion on the preferences of the Board and staff and opportunities presented in which the Board could possibly partner with member cities to better accomplish some of the items. It was noted that criteria should be developed to allow the District to better determine when the District should be involved in regional water management improvements. It was determined that redundant items should only be listed under one item and then cross referenced in the other locations. It was noted that may be helpful to create a composite of the known wetland assessments that have been completed, gathering the known assessments to be compiled into one database. It was noted that the goal would be to identify the high value wetlands for protection and opportunities for restoration efforts. It was the consensus of the Board and staff that the District should take the lead on that type of project and look for partnership opportunities with member cities and the County.

B. Discuss Schedule Modifications

Chair Kloiber asked if the District would need to request an extension from BWSR on submission of the Plan.

Administrator Anhorn replied that staff would like to request an extension on the Plan and although the full amount of time may not be necessary, staff would suggest requesting an extension through December 31, 2017.

Attorney Welch noted that he would recommend a formal motion from the Board. It was noted that action could take place at the next Board meeting.

C. Next Steps/Meeting

Engineer Kieffer thanked the Board noting that the discussion held tonight is helpful to the process. She stated that the next workshop would be scheduled for early November where the remainder of the goals and policies will be discussed as well as the implementation section of the Plan. She noted that a TAC meeting would follow that workshop.

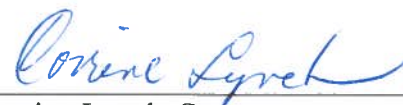
Administrator Anhorn stated that the Board should review the remainder of the section before the next workshop, and that Managers can submit additional input and comments to staff through email.

It was noted that the next workshop would tentatively be scheduled for November 3, 2016 but that the date will be confirmed at the regular Board meeting the following week.

Adjournment

It was moved by Manager Peterson, seconded by Manager Twele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Corrine Lynch, Secretary

