

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Chair Kloiber called the special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2016, at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Office, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

Managers Present: Twele, Lynch, Kloiber, Segreto (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), and Peterson

Managers Absent: None.

Advisors Present: Louis Smith, Janna Kieffer, and Erica Sniegowski

**Agenda**

Interim Administrator Sniegowski asked if the Board would like to add an item to discuss the compensation request to the agenda.

Chair Kloiber confirmed that item should be added to the agenda as Item Three.

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

**Budget Hearing**

Good evening, I am Steve Kloiber, the President of the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. I would like to open the public hearing on the 2017 budget and levy.

Chair Kloiber introduced the other Managers present tonight: Corrine Lynch, Jodi Peterson, and Maressia Twele. Also present is the Interim District Administrator Erica Sniegowski, District Engineer Janna Kieffer, and District Legal Counsel Louis Smith.

Chair Kloiber stated that the District is required by Watershed Law to notice and hold a public hearing each year on its annual budget and tax levy. As we begin the hearing, I will call on our Interim Administrator for a brief explanation, and to review the proposed 2017 budget and levy. Then we will take any comments from the public. After receiving comments, we will

close the public hearing, and the Board of Managers will deliberate and adopt the 2017 budget and tax levy.

Interim Administrator Sniegowski stated that the proposed budget is similar to the budget workshop with a total proposed budget of \$3,222,000 and a proposed levy of \$2,611,500, which is a levy increase of 3.72 percent.

Manager Segreto arrived.

Interim Administrator Sniegowski stated that there were no changes made to the 2017 budget following the workshop but noted that some items were rearranged. She provided a brief overview of the items that were moved in the budget to match the discussion of the Board at the budget workshop.

Chair Kloiber stated that the changes made are just those that were discussed at the budget workshop.

Manager Twele stated that the changes should be made clear to the accountant to ensure that they understand.

Interim Administrator Sniegowski stated that the District has a new accountant staff contact and staff will work with them to ensure that the changes are clear.

Chair Kloiber invited any interested member of the public to come forward and comment on the proposed budget and tax levy, or ask any questions. The public hearing is being tape recorded to preserve our record. When recognized, please come forward and state your name and address for the record. We ask that you please limit your comments to three minutes.

No comments made.

Chair Kloiber stated that there being no further comments, I will close the public hearing on the 2017 budget and levy, and invite discussion among the managers.

A motion would be in order to adopt the 2017 budget. Manager Lynch has moved to adopt the 2017 budget as distributed on September 8<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$3,220,000, seconded by manager Segreto. We will have a roll call vote. Upon a unanimous vote the 2017 budget was adopted.

As staff mentioned, there are draft resolutions prepared for the proposed tax levy.

A motion would be in order to adopt the proposed resolution to certify the 2017 management planning fund levy. Manager Peterson has moved the resolution, seconded by manager Twele. We will take a roll call vote. Upon a unanimous vote the 2017 management planning fund levy was adopted.

Chair Kloiber called for a short recess.

Manager Segreto left the meeting.

Chair Kloiber reconvened the meeting.

### **NMCWM Watershed Management Plan Development**

Engineer Kieffer provided an overview of the discussions and progress that the Board and staff have made thus far in the development of the Watershed Management Plan workshops. She referenced a memorandum which included the latest versions of the goals and policies, noting that perhaps legal counsel would like to make some changes before the Board provides comments.

It was the consensus of the Board for Managers and legal counsel to provide their comments and input over the next few weeks and those changes will be incorporated into the section before the Board reviews the section as a whole.

Engineer Kieffer reviewed information on lake monitoring, providing an overview on the goals for lake monitoring. She reviewed the District's role in monitoring, noting that the District has had a large role in monitoring for the past several decades, and stated that there are not necessarily quantifiable goals.

Interim Administrator Sniegowski stated that the data from monitoring is used in the annual report to specify whether the lakes are meeting the standards of the District and Pollution Control Agency. The Board discussed the value of monitoring, the goals related to monitoring, and the role that the Board and staff should play in regard to monitoring. It was the consensus of the Board that the goals should be more broad and general.

It was the consensus of the Board for staff to develop some draft language relating to the goals on a broad scale to bring back to the Board for review. It was noted that perhaps the District should increase their efforts in broadcast their successes.

Engineer Kieffer reviewed the next steps and the drafts that she will bring back for Board review at the next workshop.

### **Compensation Request**

Chair Kloiber stated that Interim Administrator Sniegowski has been serving as the Administrator since July, or slightly before, and she has requested compensation for the additional work that she has been completing. He stated that in his opinion that request is not out of line as she has been completing work above and beyond her usual duties.

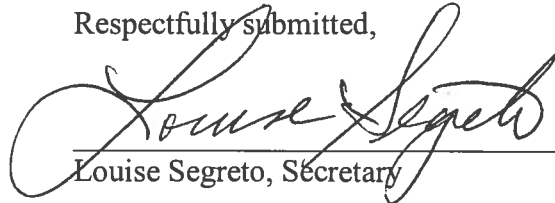
Manager Twele stated that Interim Administrator Sniegowski has been working very hard and doing a great job, and if Interim Administrator Sniegowski had not brought forth the request than she would have. The Board echoed those comments.

Chair Kloiber stated that he would work with Interim Administrator to develop a proposal that will come before the Board at the October meeting.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Manager Twele, seconded by Manager Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise Segreto, Secretary