

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

Call to Order

Chair Kloiber called the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 5:35 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2017, 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, and Randy Anhorn

Agenda

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

Hearing of Permit Applications

A. WCA Wetland Boundary Determination – Westbrooke Way; Hopkins

Engineer Kieffer stated that staff recommends acceptance of the wetland boundary and type determination and identified the location. She stated that the City of Hopkins is looking to do work in this area and therefore wanted a wetland determination.

Manager Lynch moved, seconded by Manager Peterson, to accept the WCA wetland boundary determination. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Nine Mile Creek Watershed Management Plan Development

A. Review and Discussion on Draft Chapter 6 – Implementation Program

Engineer Kieffer stated that this chapter lays out the implementation program that the District would follow over the next ten years.

Attorney Welch stated that perhaps the discussion should start on a big picture level of what the Managers would like to see accomplished in the next ten years.

Engineer Kieffer provided details and clarification on the chart that includes different budget factors.

Chair Kloiber stated that capital projects should be a major priority and focus. Manager Twele agreed.

Manager Peterson stated that partnering to address water resource management issues on a subwatershed basis is critical. She said that she is also interested in seeing the District take innovative approaches to water management problems, such as iron-sand filtration systems.

Engineer Kieffer stated that this is really the big picture review to determine if everything included in the plan thus far should be included or whether some items should be removed. It was noted that some projects will be partnership or grant opportunities and therefore not all the costs will be known even though a cost estimate will be given for the items.

Attorney Welch provided detail on the legislation regarding variances and how that is applied in the District.

The Board stated that on a big picture scale for priorities they would like to focus on organizational efficiency in regard to permitting be handled by Barr and not administrative staff, regional subwatershed capital projects, Atlas 14/flooding matters, and increased education and outreach courses and expansion of the program.

The Board and staff discussed the issue of wetland monitoring and water quality monitoring of lakes.

Engineer Kieffer provided explanation on the term use attainability analysis (UAA).

Attorney Welch provided possible areas for regulatory revision. He stated that staff can bring back a menu of options for the Managers to review.

Manager Twele left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Engineer Kieffer referenced the tables included in the implementation program section and reviewed the tables in detail. She asked the Managers to review the table in depth and rank each item with a rank of one through three.

B. Discuss Schedule and Partnership Prioritization Criteria

Engineer Kieffer stated that staff can revise the criteria a bit for the Board to review more in depth at the next planning meeting. She asked that the Managers also prioritize these items when they are doing their "homework".

C. Next Steps/Meeting

Administrator Anhorn noted that the next special meeting would be held on February 2nd. He noted that staff will be meeting with the TAC during January and will provide an update to the Board at the regular January meeting.

Adjournment

It was moved by Manager Lynch, seconded by Manager Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Corrine Lynch, Secretary

