

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**

**I. Call to Order of the Workshop**

President Bob Cutshall called the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers workshop to order at 5:42 p.m. The meeting was held at the NMCWD office, Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN.

Managers Present: Grace Butler, Bob Cutshall, Erin Hunker, Peggy Kvam, and Larry Olson

Advisors Present: Janna Kieffer (Barr) and Michael Welch (Smith Partners; *attended by telephone*)

Staff Present: Randy Anhorn (Administrator), Brett Eidem (Natural Resources Project and Planning Manager), and Erica Sniegowski (Program and Project Manager)

**II. Oath of Office: Grace Butler and Larry Olson**

Randy Anhorn administered the oath of office for managers Grace Butler and Larry Olson.

**III. 2022 Budget Amendment**

Mr. Anhorn reported expenditures for several line items in the district's 2022 budget, like permitting review, rule revisions and office equipment are close to the budgeted amount or have exceed the budgeted amount.

Mr. Anhorn said the draft budget amendment in the meeting packet reallocates budget items. He said there is no change to the total dollar amount of the administrative budget.

Mr. Anhorn said the reallocation is mainly for permit tracking to allocate more dollars to that line item in anticipation of more of that work being done by Barr Engineering and Smith Partners while the district is in the process of filling its vacant staff position and training that person. Mr. Anhorn said within the 2022 program budget, more dollars are being shifted to the Wetland Conservation Act line item and the rules line item. He listed the items in the program budget from which the dollars are being shifted, such as the phase 3 of the Atlas 14 flood risk modeling, which is delayed, meaning that project's full 2022 budget won't be expended in 2022.

Mr. Anhorn said the proposed 2022 project budget amendment reflect the delay in undertaking a curlyleaf pondweed herbicide treatment on Southeast Anderson Lake. He said the district levied for that project and the funds will be held until the water quality projects for Anderson Lakes are determined. Mr. Anhorn stated that district's 2022 capital project budget is a reduction of \$255,000. Administrator Anhorn said the end result is the district's initial budget of \$4,110,000 will be reduced to \$3,855,000.

**It was moved by Manager Butler, seconded by Manager Olson to approve the changes to the 2022 budget. Upon vote, the motion carried**

#### **IV. Hopkins Streambank Stabilization Project Repair Maintenance**

Mr. Anhorn reminded the managers of the repair needed to a portion of the streambank stabilization project completed by NMCWD in collaboration with the City of Hopkins in 2012. In addition, he said the district has a cooperative agreement with the city for the project, but not a maintenance agreement. Mr. Anhorn said the city is willing to reimburse the district for 50 percent of the repair.

Mr. Anhorn said the estimate for a contractor to complete the repair is \$22,000. He said the scope of work from Barr includes design, permitting, construction oversight, and solicitation of quotes and the cost for Barr's scope of work is \$23,000.

Manager Butler asked if this project would need to be added to the district's budget. Mr. Anhorn said it would come out of the district's repair and maintenance budget.

**It was moved by Manager Hunker, seconded by Manager Kvam to authorize to draft a maintenance agreement for the past project and authorize Barr Engineering to undertake the tasks to design, go out for quotes, and eventually oversee the construction of the project for a cost not to exceed \$23,000 under the district's current agreement with Barr Engineering. Upon vote, the motion carried**

V. **District Staffing**

Mr. Anhorn said the district's open permitting-manager position will be posted Monday, October 10. He said the board will discuss future staffing at its upcoming retreat.

VI. **Interlachen Golf Course Site Visit**

President Bob Cutshall reported on a recent visit to the Interlachen golf course, which has applied for a permit from NMCWD, noting that the course is trying to re-create the historic 1920s course, and that is where Interlachen has some issues with the wetland buffers.

Mr. Anhorn suggested when Interlachen sends in its next submittal, the Board asks Interlachen to present it to the Board, which will provide the Board an opportunity to discuss ideas with Interlachen regarding placement of buffers and such things. The Board indicated consensus to Mr. Anhorn's suggestion.

Mr. Anhorn discussed areas of the property where Interlachen is proposing to have tall fescue grass.

VII. **Adjournment**

**It was moved by Manager Hunker, seconded by Manager Kvam to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Grace Butler, Secretary

