



**Pioneer-Sarah Creek
Watershed Management Commission**

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**MINUTES
February 18, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 4:03 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010, by Chair Lisa Whalen at Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN.

Present: Sylvia Walsh, Greenfield; Carole Peter, Independence; John Sweeney, Maple Plain; Don Johnston, Medina; Lisa Whalen, Minnetrista; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services (HCDES); Randy Lehr, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) and Judie Anderson and Amy LeMieux, JASS.

Also present: Brad Spencer, Mike Peterson, and Carole and Heather Beasecker, Independence.

2. AGENDA.* Motion by Peter, second by Johnston to approve the revised Agenda. *Motion carried unanimously.*

3. CONSENT AGENDA.*

a. Minutes of January meeting.*

b. Treasurer's Report and claims.*

Motion by Johnston, second by Sweeney to approve the Consent Agenda items. *Motion carried unanimously.*

4. OPEN/PUBLIC. No one wished to speak regarding items not on the agenda.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Election of Officers. Officers in 2009 were Chair-Lisa Whalen, Vice Chair-Don Johnston, Secretary-Carole Peter, and Treasurer-Brenda Daniels. Motion by Johnston, second by Sweeney to re-elect these individuals as officers for 2010. *Motion carried unanimously.*

[Walsh arrived 4:07 p.m.]

b. Annual Appointments. Motion by Sweeney, second by Walsh to retain the current appointees in 2010. *Motion carried unanimously.* They are:

- 1) Official newspapers. *sunpressnews@acnpapers.com* and *pressnews.com*.
- 2) Official depositories. US Bank and the 4M Fund.
- 3) Deputy Treasurer. Judie Anderson.
- 4) Auditor. Johnson & Company.

[Carole and Heather Beasecker arrived 4:09 p.m.]

c. 2010 Lake Monitoring Program.* In 2009 Three Rivers Park District monitored Independence, Sarah, Spurzem and Whaletail Lakes. They propose to continue monitoring these lakes as well as Lake Rebecca in 2010. In addition, TRPD will monitor Buck, Irene, Mud, Rattail, Rice and Robina Lakes through the Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG). Motion by Peter, second by Walsh to authorize Staff and Lehr to make a recommendation re lakes to monitor through Metropolitan Council's Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) after determining which lakes will not be monitored under the SWAG or other programs. *Motion carried unanimously.*

d. Motion by Walsh, second by Johnston to authorize the Chair to sign the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) **SWAG Contract**. The final contract is in the amount of \$65,825 and extends from April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. *Motion carried unanimously.*

6. PROJECT REVIEWS. See Staff Report.

7. **LOCAL PLANS.** Staff reported that Metropolitan Council has approved the **City of Independence** draft plan. The City has requested comments from the other reviewing agencies before submitting it to the Commission. Kujawa will meet next week with staff from the **City of Greenfield** to discuss elements of their draft plan.

8. **LAKE SARAH TMDL.**

a. Minutes from the **January 25, 2010 Stakeholders meeting** will be provided to the Commission. A recording of the meeting is on the City of Independence website as the second Independence City Council meeting of January. Most general questions concerned Greenfield's participation in load allocations. MPCA has requested that a mechanism to transfer load allocations to waste load allocations be included and described in the TMDL.

1) Included in the meeting packet was a copy of an email from MPCA describing the **three categories of regulated and small MS4s.***

2) The Commissioners also received a copy of comments from the **Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)*** stating that MnDot and Hennepin County MS4 permits do not apply when the area is outside of the urbanized area of the watershed. This will shift the wasteload allocations.

b. The Commissioners received copies of two news articles relating to the TMDL:

1) *Press News*, January 28, 2010 - "**Cities learn what it will take to clean up Lake Sarah.**"*

2) *StarTribune*, February 17, 2010 - "**Lake Sarah's worst polluter has immunity.**"*

9. **EDUCATION.** See Staff Report.

a. The **West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA)** February meeting was cancelled. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at Plymouth City Hall.

b. **Cohorts meeting.** This is a three to four session workshop series conducted by BWSR where attendees are learning how to create a strategic education plan. The next two workshops are scheduled for March 23 and April 6. The Commission should schedule a work session in May to develop an education plan and draft a 2011 budget.

Motion by Walsh, second by Peter to approve up to two hours of administrative time to continue with the BWSR workshops. *Motion carried unanimously.* Whalen and Anderson will provide an overview of the *Engaging Citizens and Councils* workshop at the Commission's April meeting.

c. Staff will meet to draft a **long-range water monitoring and educational activities budget.** This will be addressed at the March meeting and will include a recommendation for funding to distribute the *Minnesota Lakes at Risk* DVD to local lakeshore owners.

10. **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.**

a. **RFP – LCCMR Grants.*** The smallest award for this grant is \$10,000. This grant gives most consideration to cutting-edge activities rather than basic BMPs. No activities have been identified.

b. Staff was directed to identify grant programs that would fund **lake protection activities**, notably for Little Long Lake.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

a. **Correspondence.**

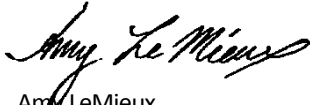
1) Notice - City of Medina is beginning development of its **Wellhead Protection Program.**

b. **Watershed-wide TMDLs – Greenfield participation.** Lehr noted that hydrologic boundaries and watershed boundaries are not concomitant. This situation must be addressed when dealing with watershed-wide TMDLs.

c. **Upcoming Commission meetings.** March 18 and April 15, 2010.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, motion by Walsh, second by Sweeney to adjourn.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy LeMieux
Recording Secretary

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