

**MINUTES
January 15, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 4:02 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2009, by Chair Lisa Whalen at Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN.

Present: Carole Peter, Independence; Brenda Daniels, Loretto; 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: Sylvia Walsh, Greenfield, and Mike McLaughlin, Lake Independence Citizens Association (LICA).

a. APPROVE AGENDA. Item 9.g. **Response to Federal Energy Regulation Commission** was added to the revised agenda.

Motion by Peter, second by Daniels to approve the revised **Agenda**.* *Motion carried.*

b. APPOINTMENTS. All Commissioners must provide resolutions of appointment to the Commission. Mayor Jill Krout was appointed as the Commissioner for Greenfield.

Staff was directed to prepare a certificate expressing gratitude and appreciation for presentation to Sylvia Walsh.

2. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Sweeney, second by Johnston to approve the Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes of the December 11, 2008 meeting.*

b. January Treasurer's Report and Claims* totaling \$15,476.89.

1) Pay additional claim – Campbell Knutson – general legal – \$108.00.

2) Pay additional claim – Zadeh – CWLA grant – \$2,550.00.

Motion carried.

3. OPEN/PUBLIC.

Mike McLaughlin reported that the LICA is interested in working with TRPD on the Lake Independence TMDL, especially in creating the Lake Vegetation Management Plan. Two concerns of LICA are the City of Independence shoreline ordinance and the Lindgren Lane sewer hookup. An extension of time to complete the sewer hookup has been requested by the City of Independence.

[Walsh arrived 4:07 p.m.]

4. 2009 LAKE MONITORING. Staff will inform Met Council that three lakes will be monitored through the CAMP program. Lehr recommended continued monitoring of Little Long and Ardmore Lakes, and to begin monitoring Peter Lake in 2009. Commissioners and Staff will seek volunteers. TRPD will monitor Independence, Sarah, Rebecca, Spurzem and Haften Lakes in 2009.

5. PROJECT REVIEWS. Extensions of time to review projects will mirror the extensions granted by the individual cities in which the projects are located. Appropriate language will be added to the Project Review Application.

6. LOCAL PLANS.

a. Letter re City of Independence Shoreline Management Ordinance.* The City of Independence has put adoption of its draft Shoreline Management Ordinance on indefinite hold. Without an approved shoreline

ordinance, the City cannot complete their local Water Management Plan, SWPPP or MS4 certification. Motion by Johnston, second by Sweeney to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the City of Independence urging adoption of the draft ordinance. *Motion carried.*

b. City of Loretto Local Water Management Plan (LWMP).* Motion by Sweeney, second by Daniels to approve Loretto's LWMP. *Motion carried.*

7. CLEAN WATER LEGACY NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

a. Project Costs Update.* Kujawa provided an updated list of projects and their status. One project is currently on hold and three new projects are grant-eligible.

One project involves stabilizing a shallow gully on the south end of Lake Independence, but the homeowner does not want to cost-share the project. McLaughlin offered that LICA has funds available if high value projects are identified. Kujawa will pursue the project with the understanding that LICA may offer financial assistance.

b. Mark Johnson Agreement.* This is a shoreline riprap project on Lake Independence. The total cost of the project is \$54,400 with a cost-share to the land owner of \$13,600 and a grant amount of \$40,800.00. Motion by Johnston, second by Peter to approve the cost-share agreement with Johnson. *Motion carried.* It is likely that another project to restore the area upland of the riprap will result from this project.

8. EDUCATION. The next Education and Public Outreach Committee (EPOC) meeting is February 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at Plymouth City Hall. The EPOC will meet the Cities' educational component of their SWPPPs. The Commission will review the budget to decide the amount to fund an educational grant program.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Correspondence.

1) Staff Report.*

2) Performance Review and Assistance Program.* A copy of the Commission's response letter to BWSR was included in the meeting packet.

b. Solicitation of Interest Proposals. The solicitation was published December 22, 2008 in the *State Register*. The deadline to respond is January 23, 2009. Staff will present the interest proposals for review at the February meeting.

c. Response to Federal Energy Regulation Commission. TRPD and Northern Natural Gas Co. have come to an agreement regarding placement of the natural gas pipeline through the Lake Rebecca Park Reserve. The Commission authorized the Chair to send a letter to the Federal Energy Regulation Commission documenting the Commission's rescission of its objection to the pipeline location.


d. Election of Officers. Officers will be elected at the February 19, 2009 meeting.

e. Strategy Session will occur January 27, 2009.

f. Upcoming Commission Meetings. February 19, March 19, and April 16, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by Sweeney, second by Johnston to adjourn. *Motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy LeMieux
Recording Secretary
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