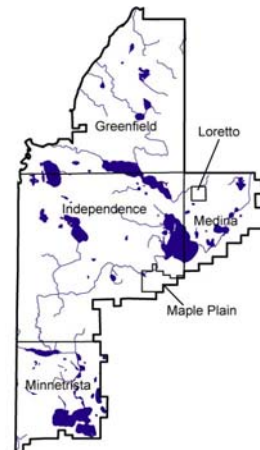


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Minutes January 17, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at ~~4:34 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2007~~, 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2008 by Chair Lisa Whalen at Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN.

Present: Sylvia Walsh, Greenfield; Carole Peter, Independence; Brenda Daniels, Loretto; John Sweeney, Maple Plain; Don Johnston, Medina; Lisa Whalen, Minnetrista; Jim Kujawa, Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services (HCDES); John Barten, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Judie Anderson, JASS, Administrator.

Also present: Barbara Peichel, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and Leo Poole, Independence.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA.*** Motion by Sweeney, second by Johnston to approve the revised Agenda. Motion carried.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS.** Motion by Walsh, second by Peter to approve the consent items:

- a. **Minutes*** of the December meeting.
- b. January **Treasurer's Report and Claims.***

Motion carried.

4. **OPEN/PUBLIC.**

Poole queried how the Commission is governed. He expressed concern that a nearby resident has been placing manure next to a wetland. This matter has been brought to the attention of the City of Independence, which acts as the local government unit (LGU) for the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Poole indicated no follow-up has occurred. He was advised that the next step would be to contact the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Kujawa will update the Commission.

5. **ACTION ITEMS.**

a. Motion by Sweeney, second by Walsh to approve the **Lake Sarah TMDL Contract** with MPCA. Motion carried.

b. Motion by Johnston, second by Walsh to approve a Cooperative Agreement with Three Rivers Park District to complete the **Lake Sarah TMDL study**. Motion carried.

c. Motion by Whalen, second by Daniels to approve a revised list of members of the **Lake Sarah Stakeholders Committee**. Motion carried. The group will attempt to augment its numbers with ag producers to lend balance to its membership.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

a. **Correspondence.**

1) Stipulation of Settlement and Withdrawal of Answer in the **Distinctive Group matter.*** Funds to pay legal services have come from the Greenfield wetland escrows being held by the Commission. This matter is now

closed.

2) Announcement of **BWSR Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP)**.^{*} Staff will include Commission response to program requirements as a budget line item in 2009.

3) Letter from **City of Loretto** informing the Commission of its desire to seek grant funding for projects associated with upcoming Lake Sarah TMDL study.

4) **2007 Newsletter** has been mailed to member cities and posted to the Commission's website.

b. Clean Water Legacy Act (CWLA) Animal Nutrient Management Program. Commissioners and staff members drove around the Lake Independence lakedshed to identify livestock owners. Letters will be mailed advising them of the program and announcing the upcoming luncheon open house on March 15.

1) On January 13, 2008, Commissioners and Staff met with representatives from **Medina** to discuss ways to promote the program.

2) Commissioners and Staff will meet with **Independence** City Councilors in a work session to familiarize them with the program and emphasize the requirements of the Lake Independence TMDL.

3) Commission Staff will continue to work with four landowners on livestock runoff control projects.

c. Election of officers and annual appointments will occur at the February meeting.

d. See the January 9, 2008 **Staff Report** for the status of open project reviews and other on-going activities requiring no action or updates. It appears on the Commission's website as part of the meeting packet.

e. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for February 21, March 20 and April 17, 2008.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Sweeney, second by Walsh to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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