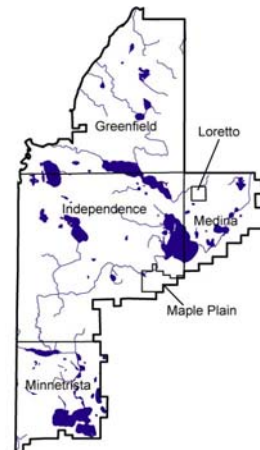


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## Watershed Management Commission

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### Minutes May 15, 2008

**1. CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008, 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; Jim Kujawa, Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services (HCDES); and Judie Anderson, JASS, Administrator.

Also present: Murray Ball, Independence.

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

**3.** Motion by Walsh, second by Johnston to approve the consent agenda:

- a. **Minutes** of the April meeting.
- b. **May Treasurer's Report and Claims.**

Motion carried.

**4. OPEN/PUBLIC.** No one wished to speak.

**5. ACTION ITEMS.**

a. **2007-07 Heritage Woods of Greenfield.** This is an 80-acre parcel located west of Pioneer Trail on the south line of Hanover. The applicant developed nine single-family residential lots on the property. Plans approved by the Commission include 0.44 acres of wetland impacts with on-site replacement of 0.88 acres. In addition, the applicant proposed on-site wetland restoration of approximately five acres of new wetlands and five acres of public value wetlands to be placed in the BWSR wetland bank. An application to deposit the initial 15% wetland credits was received on May 2, 2008. The TEP has certified that the banking areas were constructed and seeded according to the approved design and recommends the LGU (the Commission) approve the initial 15% deposit into the state wetland bank. The initial 15% deposit of wetland credits will result in 0.63 acres of new wetland credits (NWC) and 0.63 acres of public value credits (PVC-upland buffer). Motion by Walsh, second by Johnston to approve Staff recommendation to certify 15% wetland credit deposit into the BWSR Wetland Bank. Motion carried.

[Peter arrived 4:08 p.m.]

b. **2007-14w Park Estates Wetland Banking Plan, Greenfield.** The site plans for this development were approved by the Commission on November 15, 2007. No wetland impacts are proposed as part of the approved site plans, but the applicant wishes to restore two partially drained wetlands within the development. He also proposes to establish native, upland buffer areas adjacent to the restored wetlands. A total of 4.97 acres of NWC and 3.99 acres of PVC are proposed for the MN WCA Banking program. In Findings dated May 8, 2008, Staff recommended approval of the wetland bank plan as amended on May 5, 2008. Motion by Sweeney, second by Walsh to approve the recommendations of Staff. Motion carried.

c. **2008-05 Lake Rebecca Park Trail Reconstruction, Greenfield/Independence.** The bituminous trail system constructed in the park in 1979 will be reconstructed to achieve the Park District's bike/hike trail standards of ten-foot width with two-foot shoulders resulting in a fourteen-foot trail corridor. These changes will add one-foot to each side of the trail where the existing centerline is maintained. To meet standard transportation and ADA guidelines some alignment changes will also be necessary. The width and alignment changes will be reviewed for wetland and floodplain impacts and for WCA requirements. At the April meeting the wetland replacement plan was approved by the Commission. A separate review and findings was completed on the site plans. The plans meet or exceed the Commission requirements for stormwater management and floodplain mitigation. Additional erosion and sediment control measures are needed in order to meet the Commission's requirement. Motion by Johnston, second by Peter to approve Staff's recommendations outlined in their Findings dated May 1, 2008, with the addition of the requirement that periodic inspection, minimally once weekly and after every one-quarter inch or greater rainfall event, be made by the responsible parties to ensure that proper erosion and sediment control measures are in place and operative. Motion carried.

d. **Clean Water Legacy Act (CWLA) Animal Nutrient Management Program.** Peggy Pouliot has a small family horse operation at 7388 County Road 11. She is looking for assistance for mud control around her barn and is interested in a roof gutter system to divert water away from her barn. A roof gutter system has been designed to divert this water away from her feedlot area. The estimated program cost share will be 75% of the total cost of \$880.0, or \$660.00. Motion by Whalen, second by Johnston to approve this contract with a cost-share amount of \$660.00. Motion carried.

BWSR has tentatively approved the **revised docket of cost-sharing activities** for the CWLA grant excepting inclusion of a marketing specialist to promote the program. Other activities had been adjusted to fit the time remaining in the grant period. Staff will disseminate information through the website, city contacts, LICA, announcements to residents, and local media.

e. Motion by Johnston, second by Peter to approve the 2008 **Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP)** contract in the amount of \$1,950. Motion carried. A credit of \$700 for 2007 monitoring will be taken against that contract. Ardmore, Little Long and Ox Yoke lakes will be monitored in 2008.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. A meeting to develop the **2009 operating budget** is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 2008, in the JASS offices.

b. **2008-06 Highway 55/494 EAW.** An EAW for this project was received on April 4. Staff reviewed the EAW on behalf of the Elm Creek and Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Commissions. Comments were included in the meeting packet.

c. **Upcoming meetings** are scheduled for June 19, July 17, and August 21, 2008. Walsh will coordinate a boat tour of Lake Sarah prior to the July meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Walsh, second by Sweeney to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judie A. Anderson  
Administrator  
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