



Watershed Management Commission

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REGULAR and TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 19, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 4:09 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2018, by James Kujawa at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Tom Cook, Greenfield; Joe Baker, Independence; Brenda Daniels, Loretto; Mike McLaughlin, Medina; Kaci Fischer, Hakanson Anderson for Greenfield, Independence and Medina; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Ed Matthiesen, Wenck Associates; and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Not represented: Maple Plain and Minnetrista.

2. CIP Review. The purpose of this meeting is to review the CIP as submitted in the Third Generation Watershed Management Plan and subsequent amendments.

Several CIPs are recurring each year and are opportunity-based, such as GR-3: Hafften, Schendel, Schwauppauuff BMPs, GR-4: Feedlot Improvements Dance Hall Creek and GR-9: Buffer Strips Dance Hall Creek. Kujawa suggested grouping these together as a watershed-wide program rather than a specific city or water body as they are opportunity-based. Cook agreed. These projects will be grouped into a new, ongoing general program called Stormwater Retrofit BMPs. Staff and Commissioners will look at options for including specific projects such as the Leuer property, though it's likely that this project will require better definition and cost estimate if it does move forward, which will require another minor plan amendment. GR-3 may go under a new subcategory of *Direct Flow to Crow*.

Projects completed or in-process were identified. Potential projects similar to HR67/68 were identified, but not added to the CIP. These would also be opportunity-based projects. Timeline for new projects like these can include up to two years to complete the feasibility study and design, so there would be time to add them to the CIP through a minor plan amendment for grant purposes and no need to add at this time. Commissioners requested that a separate list of potential CIPs be created for regular review so they are not forgotten when the Commission experiences turnover in Commissioners or Staff.

Project ME-2: Lake Independence CLPW Treatment will be moved to 2021. Studies have shown that CLPW density and biomass do not require treatment at this time. The lake will continue to be monitored and assessed.

Project GR-11: Carp Control on Lake Sarah and Other Lakes will include the work occurring this year on Lake Independence and the Ardmore system. Commission and staff discussed the studies and costs necessary for carp population control. GR-11 will be moved to 2017-2020 as an ongoing project.

2016 projects IN-3 Lake Sarah CLP Treatment was completed and IN-4, and GS50 Gully Restoration (Design) is in process.

2016 project ME-4 will be replaced with five individual projects (2017 ME-1 through 5). The CIP has not yet been amended to reflect this change.

Project IN-7: Raingardens in Targeted Areas and IN-9: Shoreline Restoration Sarah and Independence will be grouped with the GR-3, GR-4, and GR-9 projects under the retrofit subcategory.

Project 2017 IN-3: Kazin Wetland Restoration was investigated but found to be infeasible and will not be included in a plan amendment.

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*Included in meeting packet.

Project IN-6: Lake Sarah CLP Treatment will remain for 2018 and should be added to future years if the agreement is extended.

The five 2017 ME projects were not included in the minor plan amendment in 2017 and will need to be included in this amendment to qualify for grant and watershed-based funding.

Maple Plain requested that the project MP-6: South Ravine Cleanup be removed at a past meeting.

ME-5: Sediment Sampling Lake Independence is on the CIP for 2019 and IN-8: Sediment Sampling Lake Sarah is on the CIP for 2020. Sediment sampling is necessary to determine dosage for alum treatments. A plan amendment is not necessary to shift projects by 1-2 years if those projects were to be completed sooner.

IN-2: Hydrologic Restoration GS50 (Install) is now part of 2017 ME_IN-1 scheduled for 2018.

ME-6: Tomahawk Trail Wetland Project will be pushed back to 2021.

2017 IN-1 through 7 will be added to the CIP in 2018 or 2019 as part of the upcoming Minor Plan Amendment. These projects will need to be investigated further to determine feasibility and landowner cooperation.

2017 MI-1: South Whaletail Lake Alum Treatment is not on the City CIP. This project may be added to the CIP through the amendment, but should be moved to 2020 with a cost estimate of \$350,000.

3. ADJOURN TAC. The TAC meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2018, by Chair Joe Baker at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Tom Cook, Greenfield; Joe Baker, Independence; Brenda Daniels, Loretto; Mike DeLuca, Maple Plain; Mike McLaughlin, Medina; Shannon Bruce, Minnetrista; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Steve Christopher, Dale Krystosek and Ben Carlson, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Also present: Tom Blanck, Lake Independence Citizens Association (LICA); Scott Walsh and Scott Beaupré, Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA).

2. AGENDA. Motion by DeLuca, second by Daniels to approve the agenda as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

3. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Cook, second by Daniels to approve the Consent Agenda:

a. March Regular Meeting Minutes.*

b. April Monthly Claims/Treasurer's Report.* Claims total \$3,486.24.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Approve 2018 Work Plan.* No comments were received by Staff. The following changes were made at the meeting:

Item A.3. Adopt a ~~2018~~ 2019 budget.

Item C.3. ~~Become a member of~~ Continue membership in WaterShed Partners...

Item D.4. ~~Cost share~~ Extend agreement with the Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA) to complete a round of cost-share for curlyleaf pondweed treatment in 2018.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Bruce to approve the 2018 Work Plan with the changes noted above. *Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Accept 2017 Audit Report.* Motion by Cook, second by Daniels to accept the 2017 audit report. *Motion carried unanimously.*

c. Accept 2017 Annual Activity Report.* The report was emailed to members on April 16. Commissioners were encouraged to email activities occurring in their city for education or projects that impact water quality, as well as any proposed changes to the report, to Anderson by April 25. Anderson will incorporate any changes and confirm with the Chair prior to the April 30 deadline to submit the report to BWSR. Motion by Daniels, second by Cook to accept the 2017 Annual Activity Report pending changes submitted by April 25. *Motion carried unanimously.*

5. OPEN FORUM. Kristosek gave an overview of the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) that will be performed by BWSR in 2018. This is a Level II review and is required by the state legislature for every water management organization once every ten years. The review has four parts consisting of: 1) a performance review of mandatory and high performance standards and WCA performance standards, including items like submitting required reports on time; 2) a review of progress against the Watershed Management Plan; 3) a survey of Commissioners, Staff and Partners; 4) review of the completed PRAP report with the Commission.

BWSR staff will schedule a meeting with Commission Staff to review the items that will be required for submittal. Staff and Commission time for the PRAP process is not expected to be as lengthy as the first PRAP conducted in 2008. The report should be completed by the June 21 regular meeting and 20-30 minutes of that meeting will be spent reviewing the PRAP report.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

a. 2018 CIP Update. The TAC met prior to the regular meeting to begin reviewing the CIP. Another TAC meeting will occur prior to the May meeting at 5:00 p.m. to finish the CIP review and determine updates that may need to be included in a Plan Amendment. Staff will review the Plan Amendment Policy in the Management Plan to determine whether a major or minor plan amendment is necessary. Most likely, if the amendment only changes the CIP, it will be a minor plan amendment.

b. Watershed-based Funding Pilot Update. A third “pre-meeting” of watershed administrators was held March 30, 2018 to discuss options for allocating the Metro Area One Watershed-Based Funding Pilot Program dollars over the next few years. Juntunen was present to represent the Commission.

Hennepin County will be receiving from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) \$1.018 million for the 2019-2020 biennium, to be expended by December 31, 2021. Hennepin County will convene the formal planning meeting to which all eligible entities will be invited on May 16, 2018 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 15700 36th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446. All cities and watersheds will be invited to this meeting by Hennepin County. Cities are eligible to receive funding if their project is on an approved watershed CIP by July 1, 2018.

Subcommittees have met to look at different funding options, whether on a 50/50 Taxable Market Value/Area or to be funded on a major basin basis for the Minnesota, Mississippi, and Crow river basins. Pioneer-Sarah Creek’s allocation is not majorly impacted and should be receiving about \$64,000 for the biennium period since it holds most of the area for the Crow basin. Up to ten percent of the County-wide funding will likely be put toward a comprehensive regional plan to address chlorides.

The Pioneer-Sarah Creek Commissioners will need to identify a shovel-ready project(s) that could be funded under this pilot program within the biennium or lose the funds.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Lake Sarah CLPW Agreement.* This agreement is an extension of the previous agreement which covered 2013-2017 whole-lake CLPW treatment. CLPW is an identified source of internal loading to Lake

Sarah. The five-year treatment has created a noticeable improvement in habitat and the native plant community, but nutrient levels have not improved. The goal of continuing treatment is to move from whole-lake treatment to spot treatment. The whole-lake treatments have resulted in a reduction of 80-90% in turions. Baker proposed moving from a 10% cost-share to a 25% cost-share for this project due to a lack of grant funds. A formal agreement will be presented to the Commission at the May meeting.

b. FY20-21 Biennial Budget Request (BBR).* Staff submitted a BBR based on the CIP for FY2020-2021 by the deadline of April 12, 2018. The BBR is used by BWSR to set a funding level request from the legislature for the biennium.

8. STAFF REPORT.*

a. Kujawa noted that a complaint of **winter manure application** was received from a citizen.

b. Vlach reported that **Lake Rebecca will be delisted** for impairments by the MPCA this year. The Baker Park Ravine Stabilization project **grant agreement has been officially executed** and Vlach will be meeting with Wenck staff next week to discuss project design, strategy and timelines. McLaughlin noted that he would be interested in meeting with staff on the project site. TRPD is **assessing biomass and population of carp on Lake Independence** this month.

9. EDUCATION.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Delano Wellhead protection intent.*

b. Metropolitan Council – 2017 update.*

11. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

a. Baker. Hennepin County is creating a new tool for a lower-cost approach to better clean weeds from boats which will be installed on Lake Sarah. Signage is desired for this new tool.

b. Cook. The DNR approved a 12 foot wide dock for the Lake Sarah landing.

c. Bruce. A new councilmember for Minnetrista, John Tschumpelin, was sworn in this week and has been assigned as Commissioner to the watershed.

12. OTHER BUSINESS.

The **next regular meeting** is scheduled for May 17, 2018, preceded by the meeting of the TAC at 5:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by McLaughlin, second by DeLuca to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy A. Juntunen, Recording Secretary
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