



**Pioneer-Sarah Creek
Watershed Management Commission**

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**REGULAR and PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 6:04 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2018, by Vice Chair John Fay at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Brad Johnson, Greenfield; Joe Baker, Independence; Brenda Daniels, Loretto; John Fay, Maple Plain; Mike McLaughlin, Medina; John Tschumperlin, Minnetrista; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

2. AGENDA. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by McLaughlin to approve a revised agenda adding three new items, PRAP postponement, 319 Small Watershed Grant Program, and WCA Notice of Decision to New Business. *Motion carried unanimously.*

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

a. May Regular Meeting Minutes.*

b. June Monthly Claims/Treasurer's Report.* Claims total \$7,775.35.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC MEETING. The regular meeting was suspended and the public meeting was opened at 6:08 p.m. The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed amendment to the Third Generation Plan incorporating changes to the Capital Improvement Program and to take comment from the member cities and the public. The purpose of the public meeting is NOT to approve going forward with these projects.

There were no pertinent comments received from the member cities, reviewing agencies, or public in writing prior to or in person at the meeting. One typo was noted in item six of the County Detail which lists Lake Sarah instead of Lake Rebecca.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Daniels to adopt Resolution 2018-01, a resolution adopting a Minor Plan Amendment to the Third Generation Plan revising the Capital Improvement Program. *Motion carried unanimously.*

The regular meeting was resumed at 6:15 p.m.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Adopt 2019 Operating Budget.* Motion by Tschumperlin, second by Daniels to adopt the 2019 operating budget as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

1) Member Assessments.* The total member assessment amount remained the same as the previous year, though dollar amounts may shift between member communities based on changes in taxable market value.

b. Approve 2018 CAMP Agreement.* The per-lake cost for testing of CAMP-monitored lakes is \$280-\$550 depending on the number of monitoring events submitted. Motion by Daniels, second by McLaughlin to approve the 2018 CAMP agreement. *Motion carried unanimously.*

c. Approve Baker Campground Ravine Stabilization Cooperative JPA.* This JPA outlines the duties and financial responsibilities of the Commission, TRPD, and the cities of Independence and Medina

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*Included in meeting packet.

regarding this project. This project is expected to be completed by April 2019. Motion by Daniels, second by McLaughlin to approve the Cooperative Water Resources JPA for the Baker Park Ravine stabilization project. *Motion carried unanimously.*

d. Approve Non-waiver Liability Insurance.* This is an annual requirement of the LMCIT insurance policy. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by McLaughlin to approve the nonwaiver of monetary limits on tort liability. *Motion carried unanimously.*

[Baker arrived at 6:28 p.m.]

e. Funding for Lake Independence Carp Project. TRPD has completed a carp assessment for the Lake Ardmore, Spurzem and Half Moon chain upstream of Lake Independence. The carp population in Ardmore has been estimated at 200 kg/ha, twice the ecological threshold for damage of 100 kg/ha. Movement of carp from Ardmore to Independence has been documented, while movement from Ardmore to Spurzem and Half Moon is negligible. A carp assessment for Lake Independence will determine the overall carp population in the lake as well as carp movements that can determine where fish barriers may be necessary. Carp management was needed for Lake Ardmore. This project will determine if management is also needed for Independence. The project cost is \$20,000 and TRPD is requesting a Commission cost-share of 25%, or \$5,000. This project is also a necessary precursor to an alum treatment. Motion by McLaughlin, second by Daniels to fund this project at a 25% cost share not to exceed \$5,000 funded from the CIP budget line item in 2018. *Motion carried unanimously.*

6. OPEN FORUM.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Clean Water Partnership Loans.* Commissioners had requested additional information on this item at the May meeting. The deadline to apply and use the funds from this type of loan is June 30, 2019, the end of the fiscal year. This is a no-interest loan. No information on payback requirements was available. There is about \$1.5 million left in the fund for this loan. No currently identified watershed projects qualify for this loan.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. The **PRAP Review with BWSR** has been postponed to the July meeting.

b. 319 Small Watershed Focus Grant Program. Kirsten Barta discussed this program at the May meeting and requested to apply on behalf of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Commission. Ten watershed organizations will be selected to participate in the program in 2018 and again in 2019. The application has been submitted.

c. WCA notice of decisions.

9. STAFF REPORT.*

a. Baker Ravine Update.* Wenck, as the consultant for project management, has completed identifying the various trees in the area for removal needed to access the ravine area. Smaller trees will be woodchipped and larger trees will be taken by TRPD for firewood. Wetland delineations have also been completed to avoid impacts. Vlach will send a letter and meet with adjacent homeowners regarding the project. Representatives from the involved member cities must be named for involvement with project planning. Baker will represent the Commission and The City of Independence. Scott Johnson will be the representative for Medina, with McLaughlin noting that he will participate as well. Weekly updates will be sent to representatives and representatives are encouraged to attend meetings and site visits in person to see the visuals and plans.

10. EDUCATION.

11. COMMUNICATIONS.

The **2017 Annual Activity Report*** was included in the meeting packet and is available on the website.

12. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

a. **Daniels.** Loretto received \$400,000 to hook up to the sanitary sewer line by 2020. Additional grants are also being sought or have been awarded. The City is also receiving \$800,000 to go towards improvements to the railroad crossings as they transition to a quiet zone shared with Independence and Medina.

b. **McLaughlin.** Lake Independence Citizens' Association (LICA) held its annual meeting/ice cream social in May with Vlach as a speaker. Members gave great feedback on Vlach's speech.

c. **Fay.** The Orono Rotary hosted a successful Party in the Park on June 2, 2018. Funds raised will go to the revitalization of the park, including a veteran's memorial. The City plans to have the park completed by 2021 including an amphitheater, parking lot and walking paths, with the hope of bringing in summer concerts similar to those in Plymouth. Next Thursday is the Guns and Hoses annual softball game between the police and fire departments. The Local Water Plan is expected to be submitted to the Commission in the next two months. Fay invited attendees to a party at his home this Saturday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

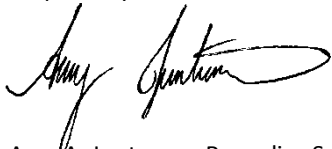
d. **Baker.** The CLPW treatment occurred on Lake Sarah to noticeable effect. The area treated was considerably less than the past whole-lake treatments. The new dock is in place at the landing in Greenfield and seems to be working much better than the old dock system. The City applied for installation of a boat cleaning station to prevent the spread of AIS. A lower-cost approach was identified and the cost will be covered by Hennepin County.

13. OTHER BUSINESS.

The **next regular meeting** is scheduled for July 19, 2018.

14. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by Daniels, second by McLaughlin to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy A. Juntunen, Recording Secretary
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