

BUDGET WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

June 17, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order via Zoom at 6:05 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2021, by Vice Chair Caitlin Cahill.

Present: Kyal Klawitter, Greenfield; Caitlin Cahill, Maple Plain; Pat Wulff, Medina; John Tschumperlin, Minnetrista; Andrew Vistad, Hakanson-Anderson; Kris Guentzel and Paul Stewart, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Also Present: Scott Johnson, Medina.

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by Wulff to approve the Consent Agenda with a change to the May minutes, striking the last sentence under item 13.a.

a. May Budget Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.*

b. June Treasurer's Report/Monthly Claims * totaling \$3,105.10

Motion carried unanimously.

4. OPEN FORUM.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

Accept 2020 Annual Audit.* Motion by Cahill, second by Tschumperlin to accept the 2020 Annual Audit. *Motion carried unanimously.* The audit was prepared by Johnson and Company, Ltd. and will be submitted to the State Auditor as prescribed by Statute by June 30, 2021.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

8. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

9. EDUCATION.

10. GRANT UPDATES.

11. COMMUNICATIONS.

12. REPORTS.

a. Engineer's Report.* No new projects have been received. Local landowners have contacted the technical office for information regarding creating and expanding ponds for wildlife habitat. Staff provided guidance and advice. Vistad inquired if the City of Minnetrista would like a presentation regarding the closed basin north of Whaletail Lake. The basin had been rising in elevation over the past

three years and some homeowners expressed concerns, though with the dry weather it is no longer an issue. Staff reviewed the development paperwork at the storage unit and learned that the basin hadn't yet reached the outflow elevation. The outlet should not flood any adjacent roads if the elevation reaches the outlet.

b. HCEE Report.* The 2021 Watershed Services Agreement approved by the Commission last month has been held up due to some wording in the agreement but is working through the signature process now and is expected to come before the Commission for final signatures at the July regular meeting. The Spurzem SWA is ongoing and a presentation will be made at the July meeting. The Lake Rebecca SWA group meets next Wednesday to discuss project proposals. Wenck/Stantec has been selected to complete the Dance Hall Creek SWA and work will begin in June. An introductory letter was sent to landowners to begin the engagement process and resulted in the scheduling of four landowner meetings. County staff are working with several landowners in the watershed on project opportunities.

13. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.


Medina. Lake Independence is seeing heavy growth of EWM and CLPW, making passage to the main lake impossible for some homeowners. The water is very clear and elevation is low. TRPD staff completed a vegetation survey today.

14. OTHER BUSINESS.

The **next regular meeting** is scheduled for July 15, 2021 and will be held online again via Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/845974640>.

15. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by Cahill, second by Tschumperlin to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Juntunen
Administrator
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