

**MINUTES
July 16, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015, by Chair Michael DeLuca at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Tom Cook, Greenfield; Joe Baker, Independence; Michael DeLuca, Maple Plain; Mike McLaughlin, Medina; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Rich Brasch, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Not represented: Loretto and Minnetrista.

Also present: Beth Horner, Independence; and Craig Jochum, Hakanson Anderson, Independence and Medina.

2. AGENDA.* Item 8.d. CIP/Grant timeline documentation was added. Motion by McLaughlin, second by Cook to approve the agenda as amended. *Motion carried unanimously.*

3. CONSENT AGENDA.

Item a., **June 18, 2015 meeting minutes**, was removed from the consent agenda.

b. Monthly Claims/Treasurer's Report.*

Motion by Cook, second by McLaughlin to approve consent agenda item b. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Baker to approve the minutes of the June 18 meeting as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

4. OPEN FORUM. The Commission welcomed Randy Anhorn, Supervisor of the Land and Water Unit, HCEE. Anhorn gave an overview of Hennepin County's draft **Natural Resources Strategic Plan 2015-2020**. The County is seeking feedback on the plan which is intended to guide the County and its partners in responding to natural resource issues and developing internal and external policies, programs, and partnerships that improve, protect and preserve natural resources. He also distributed a handout which provides a summary of the plan and highlights strategies and key elements to meet their natural resources goals.

The Plan outlines five goals:

- Goal 1: Hennepin County waters are clean and healthy
- Goal 2: Hennepin County landscapes are diverse and functional and natural areas are preserved
- Goal 3: Hennepin County fosters effective partnerships
- Goal 4: Hennepin County motivates environmental stewardship
- Goal 5: Hennepin County leverages financial resources

Deadline to receive comments is July 31, 2015. The full plan is available for review at www.hennepin.us/naturalresources.

5. NEW BUSINESS.

Cost-share amount for Ardmore project.* The project has been expanded from reducing three lbs to eight lbs of phosphorus per year as well as 1,800 lbs of sediment for 20 years. This project will treat runoff for a 6.8 acre area and be completed concurrently with a street reconstruction project. The project will remove nutrients and sediment prior to the runoff reaching Lake Ardmore, which ultimately drains to Lake Independence. Because this is an improvement for a regional resource, Lake Independence, the Commission interprets this project to be a benefit

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*Included in meeting packet.

to all members. The cost of the project increased from the original proposal of \$30,000 to a total of \$66,000. This project was in the originally-approved Third Generation CIP (Capital Improvement Project) Plan, though the TAC has not reviewed the projects since that time. The TAC should receive notice and meet to review CIPs prior to funding in the initial stage. This project has already been approved for a grant through the MPCA and is ready to proceed. The Commission did provide a letter of support for this project during the grant application process.

Motion by Cook, second by DeLuca to approve cost-share funding of the Ardmore CIP project at 10% after grant.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORT.*

a. Project Reviews.

1) 2015-02 Serenity Hills, Independence.* This is a 56-acre agriculture parcel that straddles both sides of Kochs Crossing just west of Independence Road. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the property into a cluster-type development with 14 single-family residential lots (29.5 acres) and 2 large outlots (26.5 acres). Kochs Crossing is proposed to be vacated and relocated 700 feet south of the current road. This development triggers the Commission's review for stormwater management (quantity and quality), grading and erosion control. The nutrient load from this parcel will be reduced from 65 lbs per year to 20 lbs per year after development. Staff has additional recommendations for the City to reduce loading even further based on the subwatershed assessment. The 45 lb annual reduction in nutrient loading from this parcel is 8% of the load reduction assigned to the City of Independence from the Lake Independence TMDL. Staff recommends approval contingent upon: 1) The appropriate pipe or rock rip rap channel being designed for water flows over the stream bank in the northeast corner of Outlot A; and 2) The City of Independence agreeing to maintain the stormwater facilities, or provision of a stormwater management agreement and operation and maintenance plan approved by the City and the Commission and recorded on the property deed. The recorded document must be provided to the Commission.

The Commission would like the recommendations regarding limits on animal units and manure management requirements to the City to be as strong as possible. These items are in the Third Generation Management Plan, but cities have two years to update their local plans to comply with the Third Generation Plan.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Cook to approve with the contingencies listed above.
Motion carried unanimously.

2) 2015-05w Skoog Wetland Delineation, Greenfield.* Information only.

3) 2015-06 Windsong Farms Bunker Renovation, Independence.* Information only.

4) 2015-07w 7235 Pioneer Trail Wetland Violation, Greenfield.* Kujawa was able to make contact with the owner and issued a three-week correction notice. Enforcement is through the DNR if the owner fails to comply. The owner may attempt to seek a variance from the city.

b. Ed Egan parcel. After review of the property, Staff does not believe there is a feasible project site due to continual soil saturation.

c. Bob Selstad property. This property already has several easements. More research is needed to determine feasibility for a project on this site. Staff recommends moving forward with a feasibility study on this site. It may be possible to request Clean Water Legacy funds to perform the feasibility study and/or to combine with a feasibility study on the Leuer property. The grant deadline is August 28. Member cities are responsible for grant writing and applications. Baker and Kujawa will discuss further.

d. WRAPS Phase 2 Contract*. The Commission approved the entire contract for the WRAPS when it approved Phase 1. Phase 2 begins July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2017, and consists of writing the TMDL and WRAPS reports and implementation plan. (Phase 1 consisted of data collection and creating the TMDLs based on modeling.) The WRAPS Project Team has a teleconference scheduled for July 17. The Commission needs to decide whether to host the second Community Conversation which was supposed to occur as part of Phase 1.

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

a. **McLaughlin** thanked Medina for submitting the first CIP project to the Commission under its Third Generation Plan. The outlet pipe from Lake Ardmore to Lake Independence running under Lakeshore Avenue will be replaced at the same elevation and conveyance as the previous pipe.

b. **Baker** noted that Hakanson-Anderson is scheduling meetings with landowners to review raingarden designs. The City is supporting two fairly visible raingardens as demonstration projects that will utilize Scout volunteers.

c. **Cook** reported that the signs for the Lake Sarah boat launch have been ordered. The signs will provide information regarding AIS and clean water. The DNR will donate the concrete and possibly also labor to install the new launch to prevent washout due to power loading. Kujawa and Karl Hakanson met with Peter Leuer today to discuss possible improvement projects on his land.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. BWSR Grants Quarterly.*
 - 1) FY16 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant.*
- b. AIS Detection Volunteers.*
- c. 2016 Approved Commission Budget.*

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Jochum reported that Independence has been creating a design to fix the **Lake Independence outlet weir** while still underwater. A permit from the DNR to perform the work is expected in August. It is undetermined when the city would start the project.

b. **Cost-Share Policy.** At the June meeting the Commissioners determined the cost-share policy would remain the current practice, specifically 10% of cost to city after grant.

c. **CIP Process.** The Commission requested Staff to create a one-page documented process and timeline for reviewing and approving CIPs for funding to be presented at the August meeting. There are four projects in the CIP for 2015 and more in 2016. These items should also be added to future agendas for regular updates.

d. The **NEMO Workshop on the Water** will take place on July 23 on Lake Minnetonka.

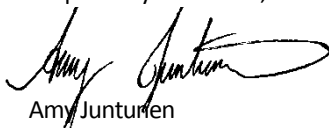
e. An **AIS identification and detection workshop** is available for lake associations. This is a four hour course hosted by Hennepin County and is free of charge for groups of 5-30 people.

f. **Dick Osgood's column** in the *Lakeshore Weekly News* is critical of clean water management efforts in the state. Cook asked Staff to share the column with Commissioners.

g. The **next meeting** is August 20 in Maple Plain.

10. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by McLaughlin, second by Cook to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Juntunen
Recording Secretary

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