

**REGULAR and PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 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, November 19, 2015, by Chair Mike DeLuca 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; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Not represented: Minnetrista.

Also present: Beth Horner, Independence; Scott Johnson, Medina; and Rachel Olmanson, MPCA.

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

3. PUBLIC MEETING FOR MINOR PLAN AMENDMENT TO THIRD GENERATION PLAN. Motion by Cook, second by McLaughlin to suspend the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m. *Motion carried unanimously.*

a. Staff Report.* Anderson reviewed a memo from Staff regarding the revisions to MN Rules 8410 which became effective July 13, 2015. The revisions require the Commission to amend its Third Generation Plan to remain in compliance with Rule 8410. One change to the Rules impacts the process of Plan Amendments, allowing CIPs to be added and revised through a Minor Plan Amendment instead of a Major Plan Amendment.

b. Open Public Meeting. The Commission received responses from MPCA, the Dept. of Agriculture, and MnDNR stating that they have no comment. No one present wished to make public comment.

c. The Public Meeting was **closed at 6:02 p.m.**

d. Motion by Baker, second by McLaughlin to **approve Resolution 2015-02 Approving the Minor Plan Amendment.*** *Motion carried unanimously.*

The regular meeting was resumed at 6:03 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by McLaughlin, second by Daniels to approve the Consent Agenda with the change to the minutes shown below. *Motion carried unanimously.*

a. October 15, 2015 meeting minutes. McLaughlin's staff report should note that the project will result in a reduction of nine pounds of phosphorus per year.

b. Monthly Claims/Treasurer's Report.*

5. ACTION ITEMS.

a. 2003-20 Greenworks Wetland Banking Site.* The Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) recommends certification of two acres for wetland banking. This property was discussed in 2014 and the Commission denied certification at that time because the wetland buffer had not been properly established. The buffer is now well established, though for less than one year. This certification will result in 75% of the property being certified for wetland banking. Motion by Cook, second by McLaughlin to certify wetland banking credits based on the TEP recommendation, for a total of 3.0814 acres. *Motion carried, DeLuca opposed.*

b. 2015-10 Highway 55 Mini Storage, Medina.* This is an 18-acre parcel located north of Highway 55 at its northeast intersection with Rolling Hills Road. Existing land use is wetland/floodplain (13.1 acres), woods/

grass (2 acres), storage building/parking/driveway (1 acre) and lawn/pond area (1.9 acre). The applicant is proposing to add three more storage buildings and associated driveways/parking areas. New imperious areas will be 1.1 acres. The project meets Commission standards for water quantity, water quality, and erosion and sediment control. Infiltration is not feasible on the property, so the applicant has proposed using an iron-enhanced filtration pond, disconnected impervious area, soil amendment, and additional wetland buffer area. Staff recommends approval contingent on easements being recorded over the filtration basin, soil amendment areas, and buffer areas.

Cook expressed concern that there is no bench in the filtration pond and if the iron filings don't dry out, they won't work. Staff noted that the drain tile should keep the area dry.

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

6. OPEN FORUM. Staff presented a draft of the thank you letter to Brad Spencer and Larry Ende regarding the Lake Independence outlet project. Commissioners requested a change to the letter to focus more on Spencer's and Ende's contributions. Staff will make the requested revisions and Email the letter to the Commissioners for approval prior to mailing.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

THE **WRAPS Second Community Conversation** was held on Monday, November 16. There were 48 attendees. Commissioners noted it seemed to go better than the first Community Conversation and most attendees were engaged in the small group discussions. Most attendees acknowledged value in attending, either through learning or the networking opportunities. The lake association attendees are interested more in future planned Commission actions than education. There were many more city council people in attendance at this Conversation. Cook noted that talking about actions the Commissions/Cities will take will be important for the next event, possibly including the Dance Hall Creek projects and subwatershed assessments. Baker envisioned that each Commissioner would bring a landowner that they are working with on a specific project such as a Steinke or a Selstad to recognize those willing landowners and to show other residents the feasibility of potential projects the Commission is interested in pursuing. Professional facilitators and microphone/speakers should be strongly considered for the next event. The space is good, but needs to be warmed up and it was difficult to hear. Listening sessions should be shorter with more dialogue between sessions. The next session needs to include information on the WRAPS per MPCA contract, but a call to action should be embedded.

The next Community Conversation was scheduled for June 29 and will be on the January agenda for discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS. TRPD submitted a **Conservation Corps CWF grant project application*** to replace an agricultural field with quality native trees and plants, while removing invasives on-site. TRPD cannot act as the applicant for this grant and requested the Commission to act as applicant. This grant requires no monetary or in-kind match, or staff time from the Commission.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Daniels to approve submitting the grant application on behalf of TRPD.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORT.* Staff had no new project information to report. McLaughlin inquired about a citizen complaint regarding the Serenity Hills project. Kujawa noted that the project would not move any water onto the citizen's property unless it was a 100-year storm event and advises the citizen to bring the complaint to the city. The project currently meets all Commission standards, except that the O&M agreement has not been recorded on the title as yet.

10. WATERSHED-WIDE TMDL. TRPD continues to work on the modeling and plans to have draft allocations for the impaired lakes early in 2016 for review. A TAC meeting should be planned for February with all Commission, Staff, agency and state stakeholders invited to provide input and feedback on the allocations. Wenck is currently developing allocations for the stream impairments.

11. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Water Links*

- b. **Metro Summit.***
- c. **EQIP.***

12. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

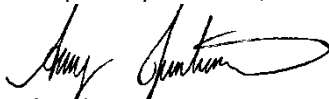
- a. **Baker** noted that Selstad has not agreed to a meeting yet, but they will continue the discussion of a possible project.
- b. **Cook** announced that Greenfield has passed its Stormwater District. Greenfield is also participating in ongoing meetings with TRPD regarding the Lake Sarah outlet.
- c. **DeLuca** shared that Maple Plain will be starting strategic planning in January 2016 for projects in 2017, including CIPs for the Commission, and reminded Commissioners that money for grant writing assistance is available through the Commission.
- d. **Daniels** and **McLaughlin** had nothing new to report.

13. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. **2015-2017 CIPs.***
- b. The **next meeting** is scheduled for December 17. Because there are no pressing items for the agenda other than the regular Accounts Payable, motion by Cook, second by McLaughlin to cancel the December meeting. *Motion carried unanimously.* Staff will send the Treasurer's Report to DeLuca and Cook for review and approval. If necessary, Staff will announce an Executive Session for December. Otherwise, the next meeting will occur on January 21, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Juntunen

Recording Secretary
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