



**Pioneer-Sarah Creek
Watershed Management Commission**

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REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

December 15, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order by Chair Joe Baker at 6:07 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Mark Workcuff, Greenfield; Joe Baker, Independence; Caitlin Cahill, Maple Plain; John Tschumperlin, Minnetrista; Kris Guentzel and Roz Davis, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Andrew Vistad, Hakanson-Anderson; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by Workcuff to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

a. November Regular Meeting Minutes.* Amend item 13.a. to remove “since the incumbents chose not to run.”

b. December Treasurer’s Report/Monthly Claims * totaling \$87,840.37.

4. OPEN FORUM. Davis introduced herself to the Commission. She will be taking over Paul Stewart’s position and will be focused on the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed area.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Minor Plan Amendment – Set Public Meeting.

1) Rules Revision.* The proposed amendment will revise Appendix C of the Plan, the Rules and Standards, to make the Commission’s Rules consistent with the most recent Minnesota General Stormwater Permit.

2) CIP.* The proposed Fourth Generation Plan amendment will also update the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to add five projects, remove one project, and update the estimated costs of four projects.

Motion by Cahill, second by Tschumperlin to authorize Staff to proceed with the Minor Plan Amendment and set the date for the public meeting to occur at the January 19, 2023, Commission meeting. *Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Lake Rebecca Alum Feasibility CIP Application.* While the Lake Rebecca Alum Feasibility study was included in the Fourth Generation Plan CIP, an official CIP application hadn’t been submitted or approved. A completed feasibility study is required for an alum treatment project to be eligible for grant funding. The application is being submitted by TRPD. Motion by Workcuff, second by Cahill to approve the Lake Rebecca Alum Feasibility CIP application as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

c. **Lake Rebecca Channel Restoration CIP Application.*** The channel restoration was identified in the Lake Rebecca SWA. The application is being submitted by TRPD. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by Cahill to approve the Lake Rebecca Channel Restoration CIP application as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

d. **Lake Independence TMDL Funding Increase.*** Originally TRPD planned to complete the watershed modeling in-house. However, the TRPD staff member who could complete the modeling has left TRPD. While a new employee has been hired for the position, they do not have the experience to complete the modeling. TRPD obtained a bid of \$45,468 from Stantec to complete the modeling needed to update the TMDL. The new model will incorporate land-use changes and a new livestock and manure output estimate. The Commission had approved \$30,000 for the modeling to be done through TRPD originally. The contract will remain with TRPD to complete the TMDL and they will contract with Stantec for the modeling. This request is to increase the approved funding for the TMDL update from \$30,000 to \$45,468.

Motion by Workcuff, second by Tschumperlin to approve an increase in funding for this study of \$15,468. *Motion carried unanimously.* TRPD will need to amend the original contract for this project.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

7. EDUCATION.

Adopt-A-Drain 2022 Annual Report (preliminary).* The Commission is a member of Watershed Partners and their Adopt-A-Drain program. In 2022 one new participant adopted one new drain. There are a total of four participants with four adopted drains in the watershed. In 2022, two Pioneer-Sarah Creek participants reported cleaning 16.1 lbs. of debris from their adopted drains. The debris consisted mainly of fallen leaves and sediment. There are two adopted drains in Loretto and one each in Medina and Maple Plain.

8. STAFF REPORTS.

a. **Engineer's Report.*** There are three to four project reviews expected to be brought forward at the January meeting.

b. **HCEE Report.** The County has submitted an invoice for reimbursement from grant funds for the White Wetland and McCombs projects. A final grant report is required to release the remaining grant funds. Payment will be held until the Commission receives the grant funds from BWSR.

c. **TRPD Report.** The Whaletail alum treatment project was recommended for a Clean Water Fund grant. Actual awards will occur later this year or early next year.

d. **Administrator.** Pioneer-Sarah Creek, along with every other watershed in Hennepin county, agreed to a 10% contribution from their 2019 WBIF funding to fund the Hennepin County Chloride Initiative (HCCI). The purpose of HCCI is to research and create a campaign for reducing chloride use and bring awareness of how chlorides have impaired many metro waters. The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) just announced that HCCI was named as the Project of the Year.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

10. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Cities are reminded to submit their **2023 appointments** to the Commission Administrator.
- b. The **next regular meeting** is scheduled for January 19, 2023 at Maple Plain City Hall.

11. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by Workcuff, second by Baker to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Juntunen
Administrator
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