

**MINUTES
Corrected
December 18, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 6:01 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2014, by Chair Tom Cook at Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN.

Present: Tom Cook, Greenfield; Joe Baker and Brad Spencer, Independence; Cari Girk, Loretto; Michael DeLuca, Maple Plain; Mike McLaughlin, Medina; Mark Vanderlinde, Minnetrista; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environmental Services (HCES); Rich Brasch, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Also present: Scott Johnson and Pat Wulff, Medina; Becky Wozney, Hakanson Anderson, Independence and Medina; and Steve Christopher, Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR).

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

3. MINUTES.* Motion by McLaughlin, second by Cook to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 regular meeting and public hearing. *Motion carried unanimously.*

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND CLAIMS.* Motion by DeLuca, second by McLaughlin to approve the Treasurer's Report and Claims totaling \$5,127.85. *Motion carried unanimously.*

5. ACTION ITEMS.

6. WRAPP.

a. Update. The sediment core samples for four lakes (Whaletail, Ardmore, Spurzem and Halfmoon) included in the WRAPP have been sent to UW-Stout for analysis. Results should be available in January 2015. The core sample analysis will provide the basis for estimating internal loading in the lakes sampled. TRPD is beginning the preparation and organization of input data files to support the watershed modeling for lakes, which is expected to be largely completed by June 30, 2015. The WRAPP effort consists of two phases. The first phase covers additional data collection to fill information gaps, initiation of a public input process, and partial completion of the technical analyses to support TMDLs and protection strategies for multiple lakes and stream reaches. The second phase will consist of completing the technical analyses, development of loading capacities and allocations for impaired waters, development of protection strategies for waters that meet or exceed water quality standards, completion of the stakeholder input process, and preparing the required reports. Phase 1 will end on June 30, 2015, and Phase 2 is expected to be completed by December 30, 2016.

[Girk arrived 6:24 p.m.]

b. Community Conversation.* There were 45 attendees including five Commissioners and nine staff members. Cook received positive feedback in his follow up with attendees. Baker received feedback noting disappointment in the topics and the desire to speak to other issues. A channel should be provided for citizens to speak to any issue they have regarding the watershed. All attendees were curious about next steps. All Commissioners should follow up with the people they invited very soon. The purpose of these meetings must be better defined. Commissioners defined their target audiences. A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to plan for the next Community Conversation.

[Baker departed 6:46 p.m.]

7. DANCE HALL CREEK SUBWATERSHED ASSESSMENT.* The final report was provided at the meeting. The Lake Sarah TMDL indicates that 46% of its external phosphorus load comes from this watershed. Priority areas were identified

and BMPs designed and calculated at a cost per pound of phosphorus removal. Kujawa has scheduled a stakeholders meeting to present the final assessment report and present the information to the stakeholders. Cook asked Kujawa to present the findings at a Greenfield City Council work session as well. Manure management ordinances are a priority. The cost of the subwatershed assessment was approximately \$11,000 plus time donated by Hennepin County.

A subwatershed in Medina coming into Lake Ardmore was identified as a possible priority for the next subwatershed assessment.

8. THIRD GENERATION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

a. **Capital Improvement Program.*** The Commission needs to plan extra time after the January meeting to discuss how grants are applied in the CIP cost share structure and better define the policy. It was noted that the goals listed do not match the JPA and should be the same. The CIP submittal form still needs to be changed to capture all the information the TAC needs to prioritize projects. It was suggested this could be done via teleconference. Spencer noted that past TMDLs have allocated reductions by city and so funding for projects and responsibility for achieving load reductions should lie with the cities, not the Commission.

Commissioners and Staff should anticipate the meeting to run 30-60 minutes later than usual to allow time to review the standards and guidelines, cost share policy, project submittal form, and cost allocation portion of the JPA.

[Baker returned 7:29 p.m.]

b. **BWSR Review.** The Metro Region Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015 in the MPCA room 2-3. Diane Spector, Wenck Associates, will attend and make an 8-12 minute presentation to the Committee and requests that at least one Commissioner also attend this meeting. Cook volunteered to attend. A roster of the BWSR Board of Directors was provided as requested at the November meeting.

9. **STAFF REPORT.*** Included in the December report is information regarding **7255 Queen Street, Greenfield*** and other ongoing projects.

Cook noted that Greenfield has donated an area on Belle Street to Hennepin County.

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

11. EDUCATION.

Aquatic Invaders Summit, January 20-21, 2015.* Commissioners wishing to attend should register soon.

12. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.*

a. **TRPD – Carp Assessment and Possible Control for Lake Independence chain.*** TRPD is planning to apply for a \$400,000 grant from Minnesota Conservation Partners to look at the carp population in the Lake Independence chain, including Half Moon, Spurzem, Peter and Ardmore Lakes. The grant would be used to estimate the total carp population in the system, movement patterns, and where carp congregate. The grant may also have funds for initiating some control activities. The grant project would extend for 2-3 years to cover the entire chain. TRPD will provide a 10% match through a combination of in-kind activities and cash. A letter of support from the Commission was requested. Brasch will draft a letter.

b. McLaughlin provided information on a grant opportunity for the **weir on Lake Independence**. The project does not qualify for the grant because it specifically excludes projects dealing with water level unless it is to create habitat.

13. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. **Lake Report Cards.*** Brasch provided the lake report cards at the meeting. The report cards summarize information on individual lakes in layman's terms. Diane Spector developed the template. The Commissioners agreed that the report card is a more preferable format than that used in the past to report monitoring

results. Commissioners asked if the vertical axis could be larger to see the average better. The Report Card format will also be used in the Annual Report.

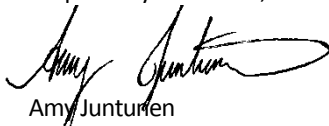
b. Appointments. Minutes or formal appointments of Commissioners by member cities are needed for recordkeeping for all Commissioners. Email Anderson or bring physical copies to the January meeting. Vanderlinde was recognized for his service on the Commission.

c. Upcoming Commission meetings: January 15 and February 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

14. OPEN/PUBLIC.

15. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by McLaughlin, second by Girk to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Juntunen
Recording Secretary
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