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Regular Meeting Minutes March 9, 2016

I. A regular meeting of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 11:31 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2016, in the Mayor's Conference Room, Maple Grove City Hall, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, MN by Chairman Doug Baines.

Present were: Bill Walraven, Champlin; Doug Baines, Dayton; Joe Trainor, Maple Grove; Elizabeth Weir, Medina; Fred Moore, Plymouth; Ali Durgunoğlu, James Kujawa, and Said Matan, Hennepin County Dept. of Environment and Energy (HCEE); Rich Brasch, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; and Judie Anderson and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Not represented: Corcoran and Rogers.

Also present: Todd Tuominen, Champlin; Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; and Andrew Simmons, Rogers.

- **A.** Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve the **agenda**.* *Motion carried unanimously*.
- **B.** Motion by Walraven, second by Weir to approve the **minutes*** of the February 10, 2016 TAC and regular meetings. *Motion carried unanimously*.
- **C.** Motion by Moore, second by Walraven to approve the **March Treasurer's Report and Claims*** totaling \$9,464.18. *Motion carried unanimously.*
- II. Open Forum. No one was present to speak to matters not on the agenda.

III. Action Items.

- **A. Election of Officers.** The following individuals have been nominated as officers for the coming year: Doug Baines, Chair; Elizabeth Weir, Vice Chair; Bill Walraven, Secretary, and Fred Moore, Treasurer. There being no further nominations, motion by Weir, second by Walraven to elect the aforementioned slate of candidates. *Motion carried unanimously*.
- **B.** Annual Appointments. Motion by Moore, second by Walraven to approve the following annual appointments: Deputy Treasurer Judie Anderson; auditor Johnson & Co.; official depositories US Bank and the 4M Fund; and official newspaper *Osseo-Maple Grove Press. Motion carried unanimously*.

C. Lake Monitoring.

- 1. The Third Generation Plan Monitoring Program/2016 budget includes the funding for three lakes through Metropolitan Council's **Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP).** Availability of volunteer monitors will be determined and three of the following four lakes will be monitored in 2016 Cowley, Dubay, Jubert and Laura. -
- **2.** In 2016 **Three Rivers Park District (TRPD)** will provide bi-weekly monitoring of four sentinel lakes Fish, Diamond, Rice and Weaver.

D. Stream Monitoring.

1. The Third Generation Plan Monitoring Program/2016 budget includes funding for extensive stream monitoring at three sites (on rotation, Rush Creek North Fork, Diamond Creek, and Elm Creek) and a dissolved oxygen (DO) longitudinal survey of one creek. This year flow monitoring will be conducted at Site DC on Diamond Creek, Site RT on Rush Creek, and Site EC77 on Elm Creek above Rice Lake. A DO longitudinal survey will be performed on Diamond Creek from its headwaters to its mouth to determine where the issues are in the system and provide insights on what causes the DO problem. This monitoring is performed by TRPD.

Scharenbroich noted that the City of Plymouth will be doing full-scale water quality monitoring on Elm Creek at three sites – at Peony Lane just east of Wayzata High School, in Hamel near the border of Medina/Plymouth, and near the border of Maple Grove/Plymouth.

2. The Commission will continue to operate a monitoring station in Champlin, located at the Elm Creek Road crossing in the Elm Creek Park Reserve, in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The station collects continuous flow, periodic event, and base water quality data.

Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve the lake and stream monitoring programs as described above. *Motion carried unanimously*.

E. Watershed Management Plan.

- 1. The Commissioners reviewed the **revised draft CIP*** in anticipation of submitting a **FY2018-2019 BBR*** to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Four projects were shifted from a 2017 timeline into 2018 and beyond, resulting in a total of \$562,500 in 2017 projects. Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve the new revisions to the draft CIP and to authorize Staff to move forward with the BBR submittal. *Motion carried unanimously. The deadline for submittal is April 15.*
- **2.** Motion by Weir, second by Trainor to authorize Staff to move forward with the **Minor Plan Amendment (MPA) process*** with these revisions. *Motion carried unanimously.*

IV. Project Reviews.

- A. 2015-028 Sundance Woods Phase II, Dayton.* The project site is located north of Sundance Woods (Project 2013-025). The applicant requested an expedited grading and erosion control review and approval to start grading in fall 2015. This approval was granted administratively. Staff requested revisions to stormwater management plans submitted on November 10, 2015. Revised plans were submitted on February 11 and 29, 2016. In their findings dated February 29, 2016, Staff recommended approval of the project as revised. Motion by Moore, second by Walraven to approve Staff's recommendation. Motion by Weir, second by Moore to amend the motion to highly recommend that the City of Dayton consider irrigation in the park using water from Pond 5. The amended motion carried unanimously. The motion as amended carried unanimously.
- **B. 2015-029 Enclave at Rush Creek, Maple Grove.*** This is a 43-acre parcel located on the north border of Maple Grove. Rush Creek runs along the southerly border of this project. Sixty six (66) residential lots are proposed. One 10-acre outlot is proposed along the creek corridor and will be sold to the Three Rivers Park District. Site plans were received October 7, 2015, final revisions on February 12, 2016. In their findings dated February 25, 2016, Staff recommended approval of the project as revised. Motion by Weir, second by Moore to approve Staff's recommendation with a further recommendation to the City of Maple Grove that it consider planting the infiltration area as a rain garden. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Staff were requested to include the dates of the final plats in the Staff report.

V. Elm Creek Watershedwide TMDL. Brasch is providing responses to the informal review comments received. Concern was expressed by one responder that the KAP study is discussed in the draft TMDL report and that this discussion should be removed since the results of the KAP survey should be considered invalid. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that discussion of the KAP survey should remain in the report. Brasch has also received comments on the WRAPS from MPCA and is reviewing them. The response document will be available at the April meeting. From all the comments received, Staff will determine whether a TAC meeting should be scheduled prior to the Stakeholders meeting.

VI. Education.

A. Baines and Juntunen recapped the March 8 **West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) meeting**. Items discussed include raising the pay rate of the Educators, the Plymouth Home Expo on April 8-9, and the native plant sale on May 28 in Plymouth. Volunteers are needed to man the Elm Creek booth at the Expo.

The **next WMWA meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at Plymouth City Hall. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

B. The **2015 WMWA Annual Report*** was included in the meeting packet and was approved at the March 8 WMWA meeting.

VII. Other Business.

- A. Communications.
- B. Grant Opportunities.
- C. Other Business.
 - 1. Commissioner appointments have been received from Maple Grove, Medina and Plymouth.
 - **2.** The following **projects** are discussed in the March Staff Report.* ("W" denotes wetland project.)
 - a. 2012-021W Kreps Wetland Violation, Corcoran.
 - **b.** 2013-041 Jomico, Corcoran.
 - c. 2013-046 Woods of Medina, Medina.
 - d. 2014-015 Rogers Drive Extension, Rogers.
 - e. 2014-033 Kinghorn Industrial Park Spec Building, Rogers
 - **f.** 2014-042 Launch Park Addition (Outlot B), Rogers.
 - g. 2015-001 Highway 47/Troy Lane School, Plymouth.
 - **h**. 2015-004 Kinghorn Outlet A, Rogers.
 - i. 2015-006 Veit Building and Parking Lot Addition, Rogers.
 - j. 2015-007 Parkway Preserve, Rogers.
 - **k.** 2015-013 Wayzata High School, Plymouth.
 - I. 2015-016 Brockton PUD, Plymouth.
 - m. 2015-020 Strehler Estates, Corcoran.*
 - **n.** 2015-021 The Pines at Elm Creek, Plymouth.
 - **o.** 2015-025 OP3 Outdoor Storage, Rogers.
 - p. 2015-028 Sundance Woods Phase II, Dayton.*
 - **q.** 2015-029 Enclave at Rush Creek, Maple Grove.*
 - **r.** 2015-030 Kiddiegarten Child Care Center, Maple Grove.
 - **s.** 2015-032 Rogers High School Auditorium Addition, Rogers.
 - t. 2015-033W Corcoran Community Solar Garden Oakdale Lane.
 - u. 2015-038 Wealshire of Medina, Medina
 - v. 2015-039 The Enclave at Dunlavin Woods, Maple Grove.
 - w. 2016-001 CSAH 115/CR 116 Reconstruction, Medina.
 - x. 2016-002 The Markets at Rush Creek, Maple Grove.*
 - y. 2016-003W Park Place Storage Wetland Replacement Plan, Corcoran.
 - **z.** 2016-004 Park Place Storage Site Plans, Corcoran.
 - **aa.** 2015-005W Ravinia Wetland Bank, Corcoran.
 - **ab**. 2015-006 Mississippi River Shoreline Stabilization , Champlin.
 - ac. 2015-007 Beacon Academy, Corcoran.
 - 3. Raingarden workshops have been scheduled in Plymouth on April 19 and in Champlin on May 12.
- **4. Adjournment.** There being no further business, motion by Baines, second by Walraven to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

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