Regular and Public Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015

I. A regular meeting of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 11:32 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in the Mayor’s Conference Room, Maple Grove City Hall, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, MN by Chair Doug Baines.

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

Not represented: Rogers.

Also present: Todd Touminen, Champlin; Bill Kidder and Mark Lahtinen, Maple Grove; Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; John Siefert, Rogers.

II. Motion by Walraven, second by Moore to approve the agenda.* Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was suspended at 11:33 a.m.

III. Minor Plan Amendment.

A. Revision to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of estimated cost of CIP-2, Elm Creek Stream Restoration.* Earlier this year the TAC and Commission agreed to increase the cost of this project through a minor plan amendment from $180,000 to $1,086,000 and to increase the Commission share of the cost from $45,000 to $250,000. The original project was identified in the 2007 channel study with an estimated cost. The completion of the feasibility study provided the actual cost.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed minor plan amendment and comments received prior to the meeting. (No written comments were received.)

The public meeting was convened at 11:40 a.m.

No one appeared at the meeting to provide comments.

The public meeting was closed at 11:42 a.m.

B. Motion by Moore, second by Walraven to adopt Resolution 2015-01 Adopting a Minor Plan Amendment.* Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was resumed at 11:43 a.m.

IV. Motion by Walraven, second by Moore to approve the minutes* of the April 8, 2015 regular and TAC meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Motion by Moore, second by Walraven to approve the May Treasurer’s Report and Claims* totaling $74,250.12. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Open Forum.

VII. Action Items.

A. Project Reviews.
1. **2015-001 Highway 47/Troy Lane School and Development Site, Plymouth.** This 51.1-acre vacant site is located south of CR 47 and east of Troy Lane. There are wetlands and a drainage way with designated floodplains on the west central part of the property. The site drains south towards the large wetland along Elm Creek located east of Peony Lane. About 10 acres of the site is wetland and almost all the land outside the wetlands is currently used as cropland. The site is proposed to be developed into an elementary school along CR 47 and a residential development with 67 single homes. The school site will be approximately 16.5 acres, and the residential development on the south will be about 34.6 acres. Although the project consists of two separate developments, the stormwater management systems are combined. For this reason, the two developments are reviewed as a single project. The project was reviewed for compliance with the Commission’s grading and erosion control standards, stormwater management standards, floodplain standards and stream crossing. Staff recommends approval of the submitted revised plan contingent upon the following: 1) documentation for item #8 (stormwater management plan for the northeast pond) must be submitted for review and approval; 2) receipt of revised plan sheets addressing E&SC measures under items #9, 10 and 11; and 3) receipt of a final electronic copy of the signed revised plans, showing the revision dates, by the Commission and the city.

Motion by Weir, second by Trainor to approve the project with the listed contingencies. *Motion carried unanimously.*

2. **2015-006 Veit Building and Parking Lot Addition, Rogers.** This site is located at the Veit Headquarters Building at 14000 Veit Place. It is bounded by I-94 to the north, Industrial Boulevard to the south and east, and Fox Creek/DNR wetland #27-02920 to the west. The owner is proposing to extend the main building entrance with a 6,500 SF building expansion. The existing surface lot adjacent to the main building entrance will be reconfigured and relocated slightly east of its current location as a result of the building expansion. Because disturbance is greater than 1.0 acre, but less than 50% of the site, only the disturbed area (including all the impervious areas within the disturbed areas) must meet the Commission’s stormwater management standards including the infiltration rule. The plan proposes to reduce impervious surface, install an in-line hydrodynamic stormwater separator and a SAFL-Baffle weir to make a minimal reduction in nutrient and TSS discharge rates. Staff recommends approval contingent on receipt of an operation and maintenance plan of the SAFL-Baffle weir.

Motion by Moore, second by Weir to approve project 2015-006 with this condition. *Motion carried unanimously.*

3. Kujawa requested that Jeff Weiss and Diane Spector work together to create a whitepaper for calculating phosphorus reductions to ensure a better understanding and uniformity in calculations. Weiss will review the Wayzata High School and Summer’s Edge projects instead of HCEE to cost-effectively create the methodology for applying the rules, and possibly amending the rules if necessary. Findings will be sent back to the TAC for review.

Motion by Weir, second by Trainor directing Staff to create a whitepaper as discussed. Costs will come from the Project Review Consultant budget line item with any additional needed funds coming from the Study line item. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**B. 2016 Operating Budget.** The proposed operating budget is based on the Third Generation Plan, which includes an approximate increase of $28,000. Staff proposes to hold the member cities’ increase to three percent and to take additional funding from the fund balance. Commissioners were asked to review the budget and be prepared to approve a budget at the June meeting. The budget must be approved and sent to the member cities by July 1.

C. Motion by Weir, second by Kidder to approve the **2015 CAMP Agreement** for volunteer monitoring of lakes. *Motion carried unanimously.*

D. Motion by Walraven, second by Weir to approve the **2015 USGS Agreement** for monitoring at the gauging station in Champlin. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**VIII. Elm Creek WRAPPS.** Comments on the draft TMDL are expected this week. Staff plans to send the draft TMDL report for Commission and TAC review in June upon receipt of MPCA comments.

**IX. New Business.** Weir requested a Community Clean up handbook for a planned cleanup along Elm Creek from Sioux Drive to Highway 55 Rental. Staff will email a copy to Weir.

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X. Communications. HF No. 2307* was introduced at the Legislature with the intent to merge the Hennepin County watersheds into three large organizations. It is unlikely the bill will be discussed in the current legislative session, but it may return for the fall session. Staff will coordinate with a committee of watersheds that are concerned about this legislative action and provide further information when available.

XI. Education. The next WMWA meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, at Plymouth City Hall. An update* was provided in the meeting packet.

XII. Grant Opportunities.

XII. Other Business. The Commission congratulated Tuominen on the article in the StarTribune regarding the Elm Creek dam project.

XIV. The following projects are also discussed in the May Staff Report.* ("W" denotes wetland project.)

1. 2012-021W Kreps Wetland Violation, Corcoran.
2. 2013-038 River Hills, Dayton.
4. 2013-041 Jomico, Corcoran.*
7. 2014-015 Rogers Drive Extension, Rogers.
10. 2014-027 The Reserve at Elm Creek, Champlin.
15. 2014-041 Launch Park 2nd Addition (Lot 1, Block 1), Rogers.
16. 2014-042 Launch Park Addition (Outlot B), Rogers.
17. 2015-004 Kinghorn Outlot A, Rogers.
18. 2015-005 Proehl Farm Wetland Delineation, Corcoran.
19. 2015-007 Parkway Preserve, Rogers.
20. 2015-009 ALDI, Medina.
22. 2015-012 Summers Edge, Plymouth.
23. 2015-013 Wayzata High School, Plymouth.
24. 2015-014 French Lake Industrial Center South, Rogers.

XV. Adjournment. There being no further business, motion by Walraven, second by Weir to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy A. Juntunen
Recording Secretary

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