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Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2017

I. A regular meeting of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 11:35 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 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; Sharon Meister, Corcoran; Doug Baines, Dayton; Joe Trainor, Maple Grove; Elizabeth Weir, Medina; Fred Moore, Plymouth; Kevin Jullie, Rogers; James Kujawa and Jason Swenson, Hennepin County Dept. of Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; and Judie Anderson, JASS.

Also present: Todd Tuominen, Champlin; Brad Martens and Kevin Mattson, Corcoran; Mark Lahtinen, Maple Grove; Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; Andrew Simmons, Rogers; and James Fallon and Katie Allenson, USGS.

- A. Motion by Walraven, second by Weir to approve the **revised agenda**. * *Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve the **minutes*** of the July 12, 2017 regular meeting. *Motion carried unanimously.*
- C. Motion by Walraven, second by Jullie to approve the August **Treasurer's Report and Claims*** totaling \$40,972.53. *Motion carried unanimously.*

II. Open Forum.

- A. Martens introduced Mattson, the new Director of Public Works for the City of Corcoran.
- B. Fallon presented and update of activities occurring at the USGS as well as links to the various water monitoring reports and real-time monitoring. This information will be uploaded to the Commission website.

III. Action Items.

A. **Project Review 2017-027W Mill Pond Restoration, Champlin**. * This project proposes to restore the aquatic and riparian habitat of the Upper and Lower Mill Ponds (DNR Pulbic Waters Basin No. 061P) to improve water quality, enhance shoreland and aquatic habitat, develop a sustainable fishery, and provide public access to the lake. No Wetland Conservation Act jurisdictional impacts will occur from this project. The drawdown of the Mill Pond will begin in September 2017 and construction will begin in December 2017, with completion by October 2018. Staff reviewed the project for compliance with the Commission's wetland, floodplain, E&SC and buffer criteria. In their findings dated August 9, 2017, Staff recommended approval of this project with five conditions: a) issuance of and compliance with a DNR-issued permit; b) compliance with Army Corps of Engineers regulations; c) Staff approval of final operation and maintenance plan on forebay area at upstream end of Upper Mill Pond; d) Staff approval of contractor SWPPP design; and e) receipt of final engineer signed and dated plans. Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve Staff's recommendations. *Motion carried unanimously.*

B. **Project Review 2017-029 Brayburn Trails, Dayton*** This is two parcels, totaling 154 acres, located south of 117th Avenue North and one-third of a mile east of East French Lake Road. The Excelsior Group is proposing to develop the parcels into 256 units of single family homes. Staff's review is for conformance with the Commission's stormwater, erosion and sediment control, floodplain, wetland, and buffer rules. The project proposes impacts to floodplain storage with mitigation and wetland impacts. In their August 2, 2017 findings, Staff recommended approval of this project with four conditions: a) provide revisions or additional supporting documentation to satisfy the Commission's floodplain rules; b) provide final engineer-signed and dated erosion and sediment control plan that includes revisions outlined by Staff in their findings; c) resolve issues regarding the proposed volume abstraction plan relative to a vegetation plan for the re-

quired conservation areas over existing upland, location of required monumentation, and details of the proposed construction of the biofiltration areas; and d) provide details on the proposed outlets from any of the basins. Motion by Weir, second by Trainor to approve Staff's recommendations with two additional conditions: e) determine the responsible party for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management facilities; and f) reconcile the requirements of the wetland replacement plan. *Motion carried unanimously.*

IV. Elm Creek Watershedwide TMDL.

V. Watershed Management Plan.

A. At their July meeting the Commission approved the following capital projects for funding in 2018:

		<u>Comm Share</u>
1.	Project 2017-01 Fox Creek Streambank Stabilization Project Phase 3, Rogers*	\$112,500
2.	Project 2017-03 Mill Pond Fishery and Habitat Restoration, Champlin*	\$250,000
3.	Project 2017-04 Rain Garden at Independence Avenue, Champlin*	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
		\$437,500

At that meeting the Commission also called for a **public hearing** on these projects for September 13, 2017, during the Commission's regular meeting. At the public hearing the Commission intends to proceed under the authority granted by MN Statutes, Sec. 103B.251 to certify its share of the project costs to Hennepin County for payment by a tax levy on all taxable property located within the Elm Creek watershed. A copy of the legal notice* of the hearing is included in the meeting packet.

B. Local Plans. Included in the meeting packet are a copy of Staff's review* of the City of Medina's 2040 Comprehensive Plan along with a copy of comments on the Medina plan from Metropolitan Council.*

VI. Education.

A. Watershed PREP. The educators are gearing up for the fall semester and are scheduling classes. They will be sending letters to the cities soliciting their support of the program in the schools within their boundaries.

B. Native Plant Sales/Pledge to Plant. WMWA has been coordinating with cities and native plant growers and is targeting a few events for sponsored native plant sales. A nursery will be at these events to sell their native plants and city or other volunteers will be available to explain the benefits of native plants and pollinators and to advertise the Pledge to Plant campaign.

C. The next **WMWA meeting** is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at Plymouth City Hall. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

D. The **Freshwater Society** is requesting watershed organizations to consider partnering with them to fund a number of programs. Motion by Baines, second by Weir to sponsor the Road Salt Symposium and the MOOS Lecture Series at \$500 each for the coming year. *Motion carried unanimously.*

VII. Grant Opportunities and Updates.

A. Internal Phosphorus Loading Control in Fish Lake project. The advertisement and accepting bid application period for the alum treatment closed on July 27, 2017. Only one bid was received during the application period -- from HAB Aquatic Solutions. The estimated cost for Phase 1 of the alum treatment was \$176,379. Awarding of the bid to HAB Aquatic Solutions will go before the Three Rivers Park District Board for approval on August 24, 2017. A contractor agreement* between the parties was included in the meeting packet. Motion by Moore, second by Trainor to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the Commission. *Motion carried unanimously.* The tentative date for the Alum Treatment is during the week of September 18.

B. Rush Creek Headwaters Subwatershed Assessment project. No update.

VIII. New Business.

IX. Communications.

X. Other Business.

A. Scharenbroich announced that Catherine Cesnik has been appointed as the new **Alternate Commissioner** by the City of Plymouth. Cesnik has past experience as an Environmental Protection Specialist with the US Dept. of the

Interior.

B. The following **projects** are discussed in the August Staff Report. * ("W" denotes wetland project.)

1. 2013-046 Woods of Medina, Medina.
2. 2014-015 Rogers Drive Extension, Rogers.
3. 2015-004 Kinghorn Outlet A, Rogers.
4. 2015-006 Veit Building and Parking Lot Addition, Rogers.
5. 2015-020 Strehler Estates, Corcoran.
6. 2015-030 Kiddiegarten Child Care Center, Maple Grove.
7. 2016-002 The Markets at Rush Creek, Maple Grove.
8. 2016-004 Park Place Storage Site Plans, Corcoran.
9. 2016-005W Ravinia Wetland Bank, Corcoran.
10. 2016-014 Balsam Apartments, Dayton.
11. 2016-018 Cambridge Park, Maple Grove.
12. 2016-019 Just for Kix, Medina.
13. 2016-021 Diamond View Estates, Dayton.
14. 2016-022 AutoZone, Maple Grove.
15. 2016-026 Faithbrook Church, Dayton.
16. 2016-038 AutoMotorPlex, Medina.
17. 2016-039 Fields at Meadow Ridge, Plymouth.
18. 2016-040 Kinghorn 4th Addition, Rogers.
19. 2016-047 Hy-Vee Maple Grove #1, Maple Grove.
20. 2016-052 The Woods at Rush Creek, Maple Grove.*
21. 2017-002 RDO Site Plan, Dayton.
22. 2017-004W Cartway Trail, Champlin.*
23. 2017-008 TH169 Reconstruction, Champlin.
24. 2017-010W Nichols Property, Wetland Delineation, Corcoran.
25. 2017-012 Minnesota Solar CSG19 (Highway 55), Corcoran.*
26. 2017-013W 20417 Larkin Road, Corcoran.
27. 2017-014 Laurel Creek, Rogers.*
28. 2017-016 Territorial Woods, Maple Grove
29. 2017-017 Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Rogers
30. 2017-019 Medina Senior Living Community, Medina.
31. 2017-020 Northwest Greenway Trail Phase III, Plymouth.
32. 2017-021 Hindu Society of MN Staff Housing, Maple Grove.
33. 2018-022 CSAH81 and CSAH101 and 13 Intersection Improvements, Rogers.
34. 2017-023 Midwest Steel Supply, Rogers.
35. 2017-024 Lil Explorers Daycare, Rogers.*
36. 2017-025 Grading by Ground Storage, Rogers.
37. 2017-026W Gmach Wetland Delineation, Corcoran.*
38. 2017-027W Mill Pond Restoration, Champlin.
39. 2017-028W Fehn Meadows Wetland Bank, Corcoran.*
40. 2017-029 Brayburn Trails, Dayton.*
41. 2017-030 Brindle Path, Medina.
42. 2017-031 Bass Lake Crossing, Corcoran.
43. 2017-032W Rachel Development Wetland Delineation, Corcoran.
44. 2017-033W Jeff Schalo Wetland Exemption, Corcoran.*

C. Adjournment. There being no further business, motion by Weir, second by Walraven to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judie A. Anderson, Recording Secretary

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