

# elm creek

## Watershed Management Commission

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### Regular Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016

I. A regular meeting of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 14, 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; Jon Bottema, Corcoran; Doug Baines, Dayton; Bill Kidder, Maple Grove; Elizabeth Weir, Medina; Fred Moore, Plymouth; Ali Durgunoğlu and James Kujawa, Hennepin County Dept. of Environment and Energy (HCEE); Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; and Judie Anderson, JASS.

Not represented: Rogers.

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

A. Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve the **revised agenda**. \* *Motion carried unanimously.*

B. Motion by Walraven, second by Weir to approve the **minutes**\* of the November 9, 2016 regular meeting. *Motion carried unanimously.*

C. Motion by Moore, second by Walraven to approve the **December Treasurer's Report and Claims**\* totaling \$141,973.90. *Motion carried unanimously.*

### II. Open Forum.

No one was present to speak to items not on the agenda.

### III. Action Items.

A. Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve the **non-waiver of monetary limits** on the Commission's tort liability insurance. *Motion carried unanimously.*

B. Motion by Weir, second by Walraven to approve submittal of a Conservation Corps Clean Water Grant Application for the **Crow River Plant Community Restoration project**. *Motion carried unanimously.*

### C. Project Reviews.

No projects required action.

### IV. Watershed Management Plan.

### V. Elm Creek Watershedwide TMDL.

Included in the meeting packet were copies of **letters from the MPCA responding to comments**\* received from the cities of Corcoran, Medina, and Plymouth, and the MN Departments of Agriculture and Transportation. These will be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency. Brasch responded to follow-up questions from the City of Medina. The final TMDL and WRAPS reports are currently in the hands of the EPA and MPCA, respectively. Approval of the TMDL may take anywhere from 3-4 months. The WRAPS approval should take less time.

### VI. New Business.

A. **Maple Grove** Commissioner Joe Trainor has requested that discussion of a possible **Rice Lake carp removal**

\*in meeting packet

**project** be postponed to a future month. Bottema suggested that James Johnson, Freshwater Scientific Services, who authored the “Aquatic Plant Community of Rice Lake 2012”<sup>\*</sup> and the “Effects of Carp on the Survival and Growth of Aquatic Plants in Rice Lake”<sup>\*</sup> reports, be invited to this discussion. Also included in the meeting packet was an email chain<sup>\*</sup> discussing the Twin Lake carp tracking and removal project currently underway in the Shingle Creek watershed.

**B. State Buffer Law.**

1. In her November 30, 2016, letter<sup>\*</sup> Kirsten Barta, Hennepin County Rural Conservationist, informed the Commission that she has completed a **preliminary review of the buffers in the Elm Creek watershed**. Barta indicated that she will need to do some additional follow-up in the field. At this time she is sending letters to the affected landowners informing them of their status. Sixty-four parcels require further review and 25 parcels have been determined to be out of compliance.

2. Included in the meeting packet is a copy of a November 14, 2016 article<sup>\*</sup> from *MPR News* entitled, **“With harvest’s end, buffer law work begins.”** The article captures the opinions of two farmers as they begin to operate under the new buffer requirements.

**VII. Communications.**

**A.** Registration is open for the **2017 Annual MECA Erosion Control & Stormwater Management Conference & Trade Show**.<sup>\*</sup> The event will be held January 31-February 2, 2017. [www.mnerosion.org](http://www.mnerosion.org).

**B.** Baines stated he has been reading online information regarding the **impact of cell tower waves** on flying critters, including beneficial pollinators. Others indicated they have seen similar information.

**VIII. Education.**

The **next WMWA meeting** is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at Plymouth City Hall.

**IX. Grant Opportunities.**

**A.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources is meeting today to award **Clean Water Grants**. The Internal Phosphorus Loading Control in Fish Lake project and the Rush Creek Headwaters Subwatershed Assessment project applications were on the list of recommended projects to receive funding.

Brasch indicated he will meet with the City of Maple Grove regarding the Fish Lake project and invited a representative from the Commission to be part of that meeting.

**B.** Hennepin County has announced that applications for **State Aquatic Invasive Species funding** will be accepted until January 20, 2017. [www.hennepin.us/aisprevention](http://www.hennepin.us/aisprevention).

**C.** The Commission has also received preliminary notification of the opening of the **319 Grant** application period. It is anticipated the application period will begin in January 2017.

**X. Other Business.**

**A.** Bottema announced that this will be his last meeting as Commissioner. He has been elected to the Corcoran City Council.

**B.** The following **projects** are discussed in the December Staff Report.<sup>\*</sup> (“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. 2015-013 Wayzata High School, Plymouth.
6. 2015-020 Strehler Estates, Corcoran.
7. 2015-025 OP3 Outdoor Storage, Rogers.
8. 2015-030 Kiddiegarten Child Care Center, Maple Grove.
9. 2015-032 Rogers High School Auditorium Addition, Rogers.
10. 2016-002 The Markets at Rush Creek, Maple Grove.
11. 2016-004 Park Place Storage Site Plans, Corcoran.

12. 2016-005W Ravinia Wetland Bank, Corcoran.
13. 2016-014 Balsam Apartments, Dayton.
14. 2016-018 Cambridge Park, Maple Grove.
15. 2016-019 Just for Kix, Medina.
16. 2016-021 Diamond View Estates, Dayton.
17. 2016-026 Faithbrook Church, Dayton.\*
18. 2016-038 AutoMotorPlex, Medina.
19. 2016-039 Fields at Meadow Ridge, Plymouth.
20. 2016-040 Kinghorn 4th Addition, Rogers.
21. 2016-041 Bartus Subdivison, Plymouth,
22. 2016-042 Cherrywood of Plymouth.
23. 2016-043 Lawndale Lane Reconstruction, Maple Grove.
24. 2016-044W TH169 Wetland, Champlin.
25. 2016-045W Brothers Mini Storage Wetland Replacement Plan, Corcoran.
26. 2016-046W 8920 Foxline Drive, Corcoran.
27. 2016-047 Hy-Vee Maple Grove #1, Maple Grove.
28. 2016-048 Menards Yard Expansion, Maple Grove.
29. 2016-049 Medina Senior Living, Medina.
30. 2016-050 Southeast Rogers AUAR.

**XI. Adjournment.** There being no further business, motion by Walraven, second by Weir to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary  
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