

# elm creek Watershed Management Commission

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## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 30, 2021

I. A virtual meeting of the **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was convened at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

In attendance: Heather Nelson, Champlin; Kevin Mattson, Corcoran; Nico Cantarero, Wenck/Stantec, Dayton; Derek Asche, Maple Grove; Matt Danzl, Hakanson-Anderson, Medina; Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; Andrew Simmons, Rogers; Ross Mullen, Ed Matthiesen, and Diane Spector, Wenck/Stantec; James Kujawa, Surface Water Solutions; Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Kevin Ellis, Hennepin County Dept. of Environment and Energy (HCEE); and Amy Juntunen and Judie Anderson, JASS.

II. Motion by Scharenbroich, second by Simmons to approve the **agenda**.\* *Motion carried unanimously.*

III. Motion by Scharenbroich, second by Simmons to approve the **minutes**\* of the August 26, 2021, meeting. *Motion carried unanimously.*

### IV. **Cost Share Policy.\***

Motion by Asche, second by Scharenbroich to strike the words, "Identified in areas outside of the Municipal Urban Service Area (MUSA)." from the policy. *Motion carried unanimously.* Formatting will be adjusted; all other language will remain the same. This action will be considered by the Commission at its December 8, 2021, meeting.

Motion by Scharenbroich, second by Asche to refer the language within the policy regarding subwatershed assessments to a future TAC meeting for consideration and possible modification. *Motion carried unanimously.*

### V. **MPCA Compliance.\***

Cantarero presented the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency **MCM 5 Compliance Flowchart** and **Off-Site Treatment Sequence**. Staff will review the new draft rules and both the low floor and impervious (MS4) rule change information will be included in the materials for the January TAC meeting.

Motion by Scharenbroich, second by Cantarero to include conforming language as an amendment to the Third Generation Plan in advance of the MS4 schedule. *Motion carried unanimously.*

### VI. **MPCA Resilience Grants.\***

This is a new grant program providing financial assistance to undertake planning for increased resilience to the impacts of Minnesota's changing climate (warmer and wetter with more damaging rains and cold weather warming, and more extreme heat and drought in the future) within any of the following three focus areas: stormwater, wastewater, community resilience.

**Stormwater planning activities** that can be funded through this grant include:

1. Vulnerability assessment using hydrologic/hydraulic modeling to identify areas (e.g., stream corridors, bridges, intersections, etc.) that are at increased risk for flooding, including assessing potential scenarios of short- and long-term changes to precipitation.

2. Inventory of infrastructure issues to identify critical impacts (e.g., number of structures flooded, frequency of flooding, social vulnerability, local environmental impacts, etc.), resulting in a prioritized list of critical areas needing infrastructure improvements to increase resilience.

The Commission could use the current HUC model to run scenarios where flood risks are likely in the future and identify critical infrastructure within the future floodplain.

The program requires a 10% match. It was agreed not to make application this year, but to do so next year after the new HUC-8 model is completed.

**VII. Other Business.**

**A.** Staff noted from the August minutes that the TAC has not completed its business regarding **conformity of City and Commission Rules and Standards**. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. (See B., below.)

**B.** Topics for future TAC meetings.

1. Conformity of City and Commission Rules and Standards

a. Low floor and impervious (MS4) rule changes (V., above)

b. Conformity to new MS4 rule changes.

2. Cost share policy language regarding subwatersheds.

3. 2022 Work Plan (need by February 2022).

4. Review and recommend approval of Rice Lake subwatershed application.

5. Convene meeting, FY22-23 Watershed-based Implementation Funding (WBIF)

program.

6. Consider projects for 2022 Stormwater, Wastewater and Community Resilience

Planning Grants.

7. HOAs being responsible for O&M plans within their developments.

8. Update CIP (need by March 2022).

9. Consider projects/programs as line items in 2023 Operating Budget (need by April

2022).

10. Review Project Review Fee Schedule.

11. Others?

**VIII.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary

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