

# elm creek Watershed Management Commission

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## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes | December 13, 2022

I. A meeting of the **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2022, via Zoom, by Chair Derek Asche.

Present: Heather Nelson, Champlin; Kevin Mattson, Corcoran; Derek Asche, Maple Grove; Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; Diane Spector and Erik Megow, Stantec; James Kujawa, Surface Water Solutions; Rebecca Carlson, Resilience Resources; Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District; and Judie Anderson, JASS.

Not represented: Dayton, Medina and Rogers.

Also present: Amy Timms, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA); and Steve Christopher, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

II. Approvals of the agenda and the November minutes were waived.

III. **Revisions to the Elm Creek Legal Boundary.\*** The Elm Creek Commission has been requested by the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi (SCWM) WMOs to review and consider revisions to the legal boundary between the three joint powers WMOs. Those legal boundaries were established more than 35 years ago. Like Elm Creek, Shingle Creek has recently updated its HUC8 hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, which revealed some potentially significant discrepancies between the existing legal boundary and the updated hydrologic boundaries.

As a part of its Fourth Generation Plan process, both Shingle Creek and West Mississippi are reviewing and updating their legal boundaries to conform more closely to the recently updated hydrologic boundaries. The TAC and the boundary cities have been working with the SCWM's Engineer to review and revise those boundaries as necessary. Those parties have come to an agreement on the recommended legal boundary between the three watersheds.

At this meeting, the members are being asked to consider the proposed revised boundary and make a recommendation to the Commission at their regular meeting tomorrow. A **resolution\*** accepting that boundary revision is attached to Staff's memo for Commission review and consideration, and Staff recommends its adoption. Following acceptance of the revised legal boundaries (Bassett Creek has already accepted the revisions and the Mississippi WMO will accept the revised boundary at its January meeting), the proposed new legal boundary will be presented to the affected cities, who will each review and adopt a new official map. Once all the affected cities have adopted the new map, the new boundaries will be forwarded to BWSR and to Hennepin County, which will update the tax rolls to reflect the changes. At that point, later in 2023, we will be able to evaluate what the impacts to the division of taxable market value might be between the cities of the Elm Creek watershed and between the various WMOs as parcels move between watersheds.

At this time, Staff is not recommending revisions to the hydrologic boundary with SCWM, or revisions between the legal and hydrologic boundaries adjacent to Pioneer-Sarah, Minnehaha, or Bassett Creek WMOs. Staff recommend that the Commission wait until the Fourth Generation Plan completion in a few years to start that process.

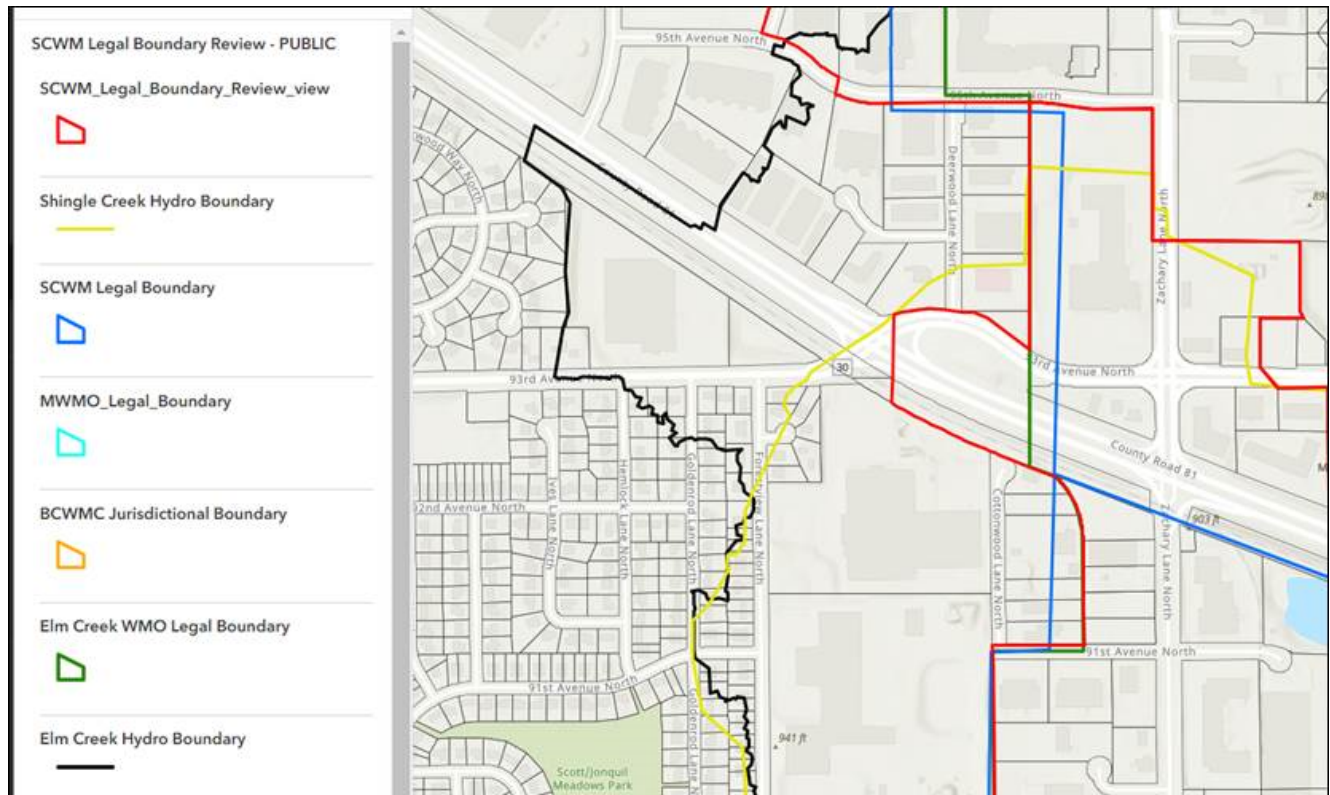
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Discussion centered on concerns expressed by the cities of Champlin, Maple Grove and Plymouth as they reviewed the boundaries shown in the graphic provided (below). It appeared that all of the comments received from the cities had been incorporated. However, Ashe expressed concern about the area in the northwest corner of Maple Grove. Megow stated that he would confirm that the area was correct before proceeding.

Motion by Scharenbroich, second by Nelson to proceed and to recommend to the Commission adoption of the boundaries as shown in the graphic pending final review of the boundaries by Staff. *Motion carried unanimously.*



The **RED** line the proposed new legal boundary. The **BLUE** (Shingle) and **GREEN** (Elm) lines are the current legal boundaries. The **YELLOW** line is Shingle's proposed new hydro boundary. The **BLACK** line is the Elm hydro boundary established in the HUC-8 study.

### FOLLOW-UP NOTE FROM ERIK MEGOW:

At yesterday's TAC meeting, it seemed that all comments from the City of Champlin and the City of Plymouth were incorporated, as we reviewed this boundary yesterday. For the City of Maple Grove, all updates were incorporated, however, there was one question about an area in the northwest corner. I spoke to the SCWM Engineer, Todd Shoemaker, after the TAC meeting and we verified that the area was correct and that it matched the hydrologic boundary provided by the City of Maple Grove. Additional background and clarification for this area was provided by the SCWM Engineer.

IV. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judie A. Anderson, Recording Secretary/JAA:tim

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