

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Clearwater River Watershed District
Board of Managers Meeting
March 20th, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Annandale, MN City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Paul DeGree, Dale Homuth, Bob Schiefelbein, Chris Uecker, Merle Anderson, Rebecca Carlson.

Absent: Kathy Jonsrud, Sonja Mosely

Attendance sheet is on file at the District Office.

Motion 19-3-1: Homuth moved, Uecker second to adopt agenda. All Managers voted aye.

Chair Schiefelbein opened the public hearing for Rule Revision of Community Sanitary Sewer Operation and Maintenance Accounts.

No comments received by attendees.

Motion 19-3-2: Uecker moved, Homuth second to close the public input portion of the hearing. Approval of the Rule Revision: Community Sanitary Sewer Operation & Maintenance Accounts will be after the BWSR and public written comment periods end. All managers vote aye.

Presentations:

Brian Koski and Dave Blesener from Septic Check reported on the status of all sewer systems in the CRWD that they maintain. That report is on file in the District office.

Bruce Hall, Ron Graham, and Denise Dejulianne presented information on the soluble phosphorus issue and project that they anticipate conducting on Clear Lake. Engineer Rebecca Carlson indicated that additional monitoring to determine source and location of source of soluble phosphorus needs to be done. Mr. Graham presented the District with a \$5,000 check as reimbursement for a portion of the monitoring. Engineer Carlson explained that a 319 grant application has been made for Clear Lake. Denise Dejulianne indicated that there are 143 homes on Clear Lake. 90 current members of the Lake Association, and the Lake Association conducts a strong communications effort with the members.

Jack Gleason and Roger Rauschendorfer and the Lake Augusta Lake Association membership is concerned about potential flooding and bog movement on Lake Augusta this spring. They want to clarify the bog removal process should bog removal be necessary on weekends or holidays. The CRWD Board of Managers reassured them that if bog removal is necessary on weekends or

holidays, that if the Augusta Lake Association provides photo documentation of the bogs to be removed that the cost of the removal will be paid for from the Lake Augusta Bog Fund. Residents of Lake Augusta are concerned that since Starry Stonewort has been identified on Pleasant Lake that movement of the plant could reach Lake Augusta. The reading of the Grass Lake Dam gauge and the release of water from Pleasant Lake is of concern to the Lake Augusta Lake Association as well. Adjustment to the Lake Augusta Bog Fund process was discussed.

Polly Olson, resident near Oak 2nd Addition, presented a letter to the CRWD Board of Managers outlining the activities that have taken place in Oak 2nd Addition. Developer Hay has clear cut areas of trees, proposing a hard surface road and the concerns outlined in the letter questioned if the areas proposed to be developed into housing are suitable lots because of the slope and springs in the area. She indicated intent to send a copy of the letter to the CRWD office, which has not yet been received.

Motion 19-3-3: Degree moved, Homuth second to submit a letter to the Stearns County Planning Commission expressing the CRWD concern that the Planning Commission delay any decision regarding Oak 2nd Addition until the CRWD submit the potential impact of housing development in Oak 2nd Addition due to slopes and springs. All Managers voted aye.

The 2018 CRWD Water Quality Information will be presented at the March, 27th 2019 planning meeting.

Motion 19-3-4: Degree moved, Homuth second the Consent Agenda. All Managers voted aye.

Motion 19-3-5: Uecker moved, Degree second to accept the financial report and pay bills subject to audit. Expenditures were \$23,076.50 in 16 checks. All Managers voted aye. Transfer of current CRWD funds to the 4M Fund at US Bank will be considered later.

Motion 19-3-6: Uecker moved, Degree second to authorize direct deposit payments for office rent space. All Managers voted aye.

Engineer Carlson explained that PSIG funding has been authorized for CWH/HR sewer systems. Carlson also explained that 5% design and specs for the nitrogen mitigation for the CWH/HR sewer system has yet to be completed.

Motion 19-3-7: Uecker moved, Homuth second to authorize the 5% cost needed to finalize the plan and specs for CWH/HR sewer systems and secure bond council. All Managers voted aye.

Motion 19-3-8: Degree moved, Uecker second to authorize Chair signature on the SWAG grant application with Sherburne County. All Managers voted aye.

CRWD District operations including fish barrier maintenance, reading of the Grass Lake Dam gauge, measuring water temperature at the outlet of School Section Lake, and cleaning of the

intake on the Watkins Wetland Treatment System were discussed. Further discussion will be conducted at the March 27th, 2019 planning meeting.

Manager Uecker asked the CRWD to consider the implementation of a targeted fertilizer program in project 06-1 drainage area. This will be discussed further during the March 27th, 2019 planning meeting.

Motion 19-3-9: Homuth moved, Degree second to Adjourn. All Managers voted aye.



Chair Robert Schiefelbein



Secretary Paul DeGree