



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Minutes of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m.** at the office of the CRWD, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108.

I. Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. (President, Robert Piram)

A) Attendance

Robert Piram (Absent w/notice)
Joe Collins
Seitu Jones (Arrived late 6:10)
Mike Thienes
Marylyn Deneen

Others Present

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Dawn Nelson, CRWD

Tom Petersen, RCD

Geoff Nash, RCD

Jerome Wagner, CAC

Bill Barton, CAC (Arrived at 7:00)

B) Review, Amendments and Approval of the Agenda

Manager Collins asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. Manager Collins requested moving the Special Report to follow Public Comment because Mr. Nash has another meeting to attend.

The Board adopted the Agenda as presented by consensus.

II. Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda.

III. Permit Applications

A) Permit # 08-026 NRG Pipeline – Permit Close-out (Kelley)

Mr. Kelley said Permit 08-026 NRG Pipeline has been completed and is ready to be closed out. Mr. Kelley said a final inspection was conducted in May 2009 and all temporary BMPs have been removed and soils stabilized. Mr. Kelley said no permanent stormwater BMPs were installed since the permit was for erosion control only.

Motion 09-07-07: *Approve Certificate of Completion for permit #08-026 NRG Pipeline and authorize return of \$3,200 surety.*

Deneen/Jones

Unanimously Approved

B) Permit Program/Rules Update (Kelley)

Mr. Kelley said the Central Corridor 4th street utilities permit will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Special Reports – Ramsey County Groundwater Plan Update, Geoffrey Nash & Tom Petersen, Ramsey Conservation District

Mr. Nash began his presentation by explaining various responsibilities of the RGDPP. Mr. Nash said that because groundwater moves across watershed and political boundaries, no one partner can effectively protect even its own groundwater. Mr. Nash noted that the major comment made by the District and other partners on the draft Plan was the lack of specificity relative to the proposed Ramsey County Groundwater Commission. Mr. Nash reviewed a more detailed description of the commission with the Managers. Mr. Nash explained that RCD is seeking feedback from the District and the other partners on the proposed Ramsey County Groundwater Protection Partnership (RCGPP). Manager Collins explained that the term

partnership means agencies working together, and commission is someone who is elected. Manager Collins said he prefers using partnership versus commission. Mr. Nash explained that implementation of countywide programs would require funding from partners and financial accountability by the Partnership. Mr. Nash said partners would implement their own groundwater protection initiatives within their boundaries while also benefiting from a countywide organization and countywide program implementation. Mr. Nash said partners could also rely on RCD for additional services on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Nash discussed the proposed draft budget with the Board. Manager Thienes clarified that CRWD's dollar amount included RCD maintaining the well sealing program. Mr. Nash said yes if the Board chose to integrate the well sealing programs together. Mr. Petersen added that some comments discussed have not been added to the revised draft. Administrator Doneux said revisions to the Plan will help clarify what RCD is going to do in the next 10 year. Administrator Doneux suggested looking at other governance structures to look at as models. Manager Deneen asked that RCD reaffirm that the plan is for all of Ramsey County. Manager Deneen said she believes some people don't understand the boundaries. Discussion occurred. The Board thanked Mr. Nash for his presentation.

V. Action Items

Consent Agenda

Manager Collins asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2009, Consent Agenda.

Motion 09-07-08:

- A) Approve Minutes of the June 29, 2009 Special Meeting as presented.*
- B) Approve Minutes of the July 1, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented.*
- C) Approve Accounts Payables for \$343,859.56 and the Accounts Receivable for \$29,105.33 for the month of June 2009 and direct Board President and Vice President to endorse and disperse checks for these payments.*

Jones/Deneen

Unanimously approved

Discussion

D) Approve Comment letter for CCLRT Final EIS (Kelley)

Mr. Kelley said on June 22, 2009, CRWD received a copy of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. Mr. Kelley said staff have reviewed the document for water resource related issues. The comment period will end on July 27, 2009. Mr. Kelley reminded the Board that the District provided comments to Metropolitan Council on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in May 2006 and the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement in August 2008. Mr. Kelley noted that upon review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, it was determined that the most critical section as it relates to CRWD is Section 4.2 Surface Water Quality in the Study Area. The comment letter dated August 20, 2008 focused on the impacts of impervious surfaces and the need for post-construction stormwater management. Mr. Kelley said language has been included in the FEIS that references the District's volume reduction standard and provides examples of BMPs that may be installed to meet the standard. Mr. Kelley reviewed a draft comment letter that requests that the Summary Report document for the June 25, 2009 CCLRT Stormwater Workshop be included in section 11, Public and Agency Coordination and Comments, of the FEIS. The letter also requests that the FEIS acknowledge the fact that the Mississippi River is impaired for turbidity, nutrients and bacteria, and address compliance with the revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater permit effective August 2008.

Motion 09-07-09: *Approve Comment Letter on Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project.*

Thienes/Deneen

Unanimously approved

E) Approve Preliminary 2010 Budget for Public Comment (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux noted that the Board of Managers reviewed the preliminary 2010 Work Plan, goals and priorities along with the budget and levy on June 29th and July 1st. Administrator Doneux said to achieve all of the items in the work plan would require a budget of just over \$3.2 million dollars and a levy of \$2.3 million. The preliminary 2010 Budget includes the spending down of \$800,000 from Capital Improvement Project Fund Balance and an increase in the levy of 36%. Administrator Doneux said to facilitate discussion he distributed a list of new projects for further consideration that also listed some of his goals, recommendations and possible budget cuts for the 2010 Budget. Administrator Doneux explained his key goals and recommendations. Administrator Doneux explained that his recommendations are intended to move the Budget process forward to assist the Board on finalizing the preliminary budget and levy for public comment. The Board reviewed possible Program and Project Budget cuts. The Board agreed upon a combination of Program, Budget and Capital Improvement cuts totaling \$585,500. This reduced the Levy increase to \$81,029 or 4.8%. The amended preliminary budget included \$1,832,764 in the operations budget and \$825,396 in Capital Improvement Program Budget. The total proposed Preliminary 2010 Budget for public comment is \$2,658,160 with a tax Levy of \$1,772,764 or a 4.8% increase over 2010. Discussion occurred.

Motion 09-07-10: *Approve preliminary 2010 budget and levy with changes as discussed for Public Comment. Set Public Hearing date for the 2010 Budget and Levy for August 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM.*

Thienes/Jones

Unanimously approved

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Section 319 Grant Application Update (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux said each year the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) accepts grant proposals for nonpoint source developmental, education or applied research (DER) projects and for TMDL Implementation Projects to be funded through the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program (Section 319). Administrator Doneux said last fall the CRWD provided an in-kind match to the City of St. Paul's application to obtain 319 grants for educational programming for the Green Roof at the new Fire Station however the grant was not approved. Administrator Doneux said since the last Board meeting staff learned that this years 319 grant cycle was underway and applications are due at 4:30 on July 15th. Administrator Doneux said staff submitted applications for the Villa Park and Central Corridor projects. Mr. Fossum reviewed the application for Villa Park with the Board. Mr. Fossum said staff is requesting a \$265,000 grant. Mr. Fossum reviewed the project budget detail and the application process. Mr. Fossum said staff will know if the grants are granted on August 5th. Mr. Kelley reviewed the application for the Central Corridor with the Board. Mr. Kelley said staff is requesting \$1,250,000. Mr. Kelley said staff worked with city staff to fill out the application and complete the narrative. Manager Collins said staff did a great job on the applications with such short notice.

B) Watershed Management Plan Update (Fossum)

Mr. Fossum distributed a list of community meetings that will take place in July and August for the Advisory Groups on the Implementation Section of the 2010 Watershed Management Plan.

VII. General Information

A) CAC Update (Thienes)

Manager Thienes said there was not a quorum so there was not an official CAC meeting however, Bob Fossum provided a presentation on the 2010 Watershed Management Plan Implementation Section.

B) Administrators Report (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux asked the Board if anyone would be absent at any Board Meetings in August. Manager Collins said he will be absent August 5th. Manager Jones said he will be absent August 19th.

VIII. Meeting Agenda Review

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Agenda Review

IX. Adjournment – 8:13 p.m. adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson

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