



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Special Meeting Minutes of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Thursday, February 12, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** at the office of the CRWD, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Special Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:05 p.m. (President, Robert Piram)

A) Attendance

Robert Piram
Joe Collins
Seitu Jones
Mike Thienes
Marylyn Deneen

Others Present

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Pat Conrad, EOR, Inc.
Camilla Correll, EOR, Inc.
Jerome Wagner, CAC

B) Review, Amendments and Approval of the Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

The Board adopted the Agenda as presented by consensus.

II. Issues, Goals and Policies (Fossum)

Administrator Doneux reviewed the Watershed Management Planning process and the current phase of development. Mr. Fossum reviewed the draft Issues, Goals and Policies document and described the process used to develop it.

Manager Deneen asked for clarification on the intent of draft Goal 2.1. Mr. Fossum said the goal is trying to say that the District should work to ensure maintenance of all BMPs in the District including ones the District doesn't own or permit. Manager Piram suggested including a listing of the groups invited to be involved and involved in the public input process and to include the definitions of the issues, goals and policies. Manager Collins indicated he supports but is concerned about how we would be able to measure our success in achieving Policy 3.2.a, "Decrease the amount of trash entering into the District's water resources". Administrator Doneux and Mr. Conrad listed multiple direct and indirect methods of measurement.

Manager Jones stated he feels that the Future Trends section of the document needs to include a goal or policy about disseminating information to all audiences that is collected on future trends. Mr. Fossum suggested replicating Goal 7.1, "Make monitoring and research data readily available and in formats conducive to multiple audiences" from the monitoring section in the future trends section as well.

Manager Piram suggested adding to Policy 5.2.a and 5.2.b, "policies relative to groundwater," other agencies that are both state and regional in addition to Ramsey County. Manager Jones suggested

including/expanding on 2 more items in the education and outreach section. Manager Jones suggested adding language about the District continuing to take input and using that input to shape our policies. The communication with our residents and stakeholders is a 2-way process. Manager Jones and Manager Collins suggested including language about the cultural, social and religious connections to water and how the District should utilize those connections to deliver its message. Manager Piram added that there are many different ways to deliver the message and that the plan for education and outreach should be to bring awareness of water to all within the District and then educate with a more focused tailored approach.

Manager Jones suggested adding a goal to the Funding and Organization section of the draft relative to the District taking its fiduciary responsibility seriously and being sensitive to the financial situation of residents in the District. Administrator Doneux indicated that the current plan has some language to that effect that could be included in this draft. Manager Thienes agreed and thought it was important to include language about the District having a goal of being good stewards of public funds.

Manager Piram suggested that the Board should consider some sort of shoreland rule in the future. Consideration of this could be included in the implementation section of the plan under Policy 18.1.a, "Restore native plant communities and increase wildlife diversity and habitat within the District's water resources".

Other minor wording changes to the draft were discussed.

Motion 09-02-08: *Authorize distribution of draft Issues, Goals and Policies Section to the advisory groups.*

Thienes/Jones
Unanimously approved

III. WMP Review Process and Workplan Update (Fossum)

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

IV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fossum