

Capitol Region Watershed District



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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Bill Barton, Pat Byrne,
Janna Caywood, Mike
MacDonald, Shirley
Reider, Kathryn
Swanson, Michelle
Ulrich, Gwen Willems

Members absent with notice:

David Arbeit, Wade Johnson,
Ted McCaslin, Michael Trojan

Others Present:

Mike Thienes, CRWD Manager
Bob Fossum, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with introductions and a request for announcements. Dawn Nelson announced that a new member, Richard Weil was appointed by the Board at the August 1st meeting.

Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda. No public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

CAC 12-08-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC August 8, 2012 agenda as provided.*

MacDonald/Ulrich

Unanimously approved

Approval of the June 13, 2012 CAC Minutes

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the June 13, 2012 CAC Minutes. Bill Barton said he asked about Sulfate testing during the Monitoring report and Matt Loyas said sulfate testing will be added to the monitoring program.

CAC 12-08-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC June 13, 2012 CAC Minutes as amended.*

Willems/Barton

Unanimously approved

Items for Review and Comment Requested By Board of Managers

2013 CRWD Preliminary Budget, Bob Fossum

Mr. Fossum gave a brief presentation of the 2013 Work Plan Goals, Budget and Levy and discussed the significant changes the District has and will experience. Board and staff spend June and July developing the work plan, evaluating priorities, spending and revenue. Mr. Fossum explained that the public review process is during August, the public hearing is scheduled for August 15th. The Board of Managers must adopt a Preliminary 2013 Budget and Levy Certification before the initial September 15, 2012 deadline. A final budget and levy is adopted at the last Board meeting in December. Mr. Fossum explained that the draft preliminary

budget currently provides \$376,900 for Administration, \$1,318,616 for Programs, \$624,844 for Projects for a total Operations Budget of \$2,320,360 and \$4,279,252 for Capital Improvement Projects. This totals \$6,599,612 for a Preliminary 2013 Budget and a resultant tax levy of \$2,656,412 which is a 6.53% increase higher than 2012. Janna Caywood asked what the percentage is that homeowners would have to pay. Discussion occurred. It was the consensus of the Citizens Advisory Committee to support and endorse the proposed 2013 budget and levy.

CAC 12-08-03 Motion: *Upon reviewing the proposed budget, the committee endorses the projects and programs proposed and recommend that the Board adopt the proposed 2013 budget and levy.*

Barton/Byrne

Unanimously approved

Staff and Program Updates

Trout Brook Stormsewer Interceptor Relocation Project at I35E/Cayuga Update

Mr. Fossum said the preliminary work for the Trout Brook Stormsewer Interceptor Relocation Project at I35E/Cayuga began the middle of last year when MnDOT informed CRWD that a bridge footing interferes with TBI and the proposed realignment. Mr. Fossum said the District rejected the first alignment that was proposed and then there was the State Shutdown. MnDOT provided CRWD several alternative concepts for realigning TBI which the District rejected. Mr. Fossum said MnDOT and CRWD are able to agree on alignment G. Mr. Fossum explained that the new TBI alignment will involve abandoning 630 feet of existing TBI and replacing it with 830 feet of new TBI, a new crossing under BNSF railroad tracks, the connections to the exiting TBI and the sections outside of the railroad tracks. Staff was told by BNSF that the construction of the crossing on the railroad tracks needs to be done on September 4th, 2012 the day after Labor Day.

Mr. Fossum said construction plans for the TBI Realignment Project have been completed and a low bid was awarded to Veit Construction in the amount of \$3,200,000. Mr. Fossum said work on the project began August 6th. The relocation of approximately 830 feet of the Trout Brook Interceptor stormsewer is a significant undertaking by the District. The total project cost is over \$4,500,000 and is entirely funded through an agreement with MnDOT as part of the overall 35E/Cayuga Bridge project.

Blair Griggs RSVP Rain Gardens Planting Update

Mr. Fossum said in early June neighbors, District staff and Great River Greening staff planted 60 rain gardens in the Blair Griggs neighborhood.

July CAC Tour Recap

The committee agreed it was a great tour.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Thienes said the Board has had 3 meetings since the last CAC meeting. Wes Saunders-Pearce from the City of St. Paul gave a presentation on the CCLRT Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Planning Project at the July 18th meeting. There was a special meeting on July 23rd to discuss the Trout Brook Interceptor TBI agreements with MnDOT.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

Janna Caywood asked if there is a formal process to make suggestions for future agenda items. Shirley Reider said committee members usually discuss items during the agenda overview. Ms. Caywood said she would like an update on the Como Lake TMDL; specifically the Implementation Plan

September 12, 2012 Agenda Overview

Como Lake TMDL update. Trout Brook Stormsewer Interceptor Relocation update and photos.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson