



Capitol Region Watershed District

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July 10, 2024
Board Meeting
V. Action Item
A) Approve Minutes of
June 20, 2024, Board Meeting
(Dalit)

Regular Board Meeting of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order of Meeting (*Joe Collins, President*)

A) Attendance

Managers

Mary Texer
Hawona Sullivan Janzen
Rick Sanders
Shawn Mazanec
Joe Collins

Staff Present

Anna Eleria
Bob Fossum
Meilina Dalit
Terrence Chastan-Davis
Sarah Wein
Acadia Stephan
Britta Belden
Elizabeth Hosch

Public Attendees

Bob Simonet, CAC Member

Other Attendees

Bradley Cousins, Ramsey County Attorney
(Legal Counsel for CRWD)

B) Review, Amendments, and Approval of the Agenda.

Motion 24-115: *Approve the Agenda of the June 20, 2024, Board Meeting.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

II. Public Comment

A) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda (Please observe a limit of three minutes per person.)

None.

III. Permit Applications and Program Updates

A) Permit #20-011, Randolph Square – Closure (Stephan)

Ms. Stephan reviewed permit #20-011, Randolph Square. This permit was issued for construction of a new building in the River Bend Business Park, located between Shepard Road and the Mississippi River at Randolph Avenue in St. Paul. Stormwater treatment is provided by a biofiltration basin. Work is complete, the site is stable, and the stormwater treatment has been confirmed functional. A surety in the amount of \$15,100 was collected for this project and is available for return. There were no surety deductions for inspections charges.

Motion 24-116: *Approve \$15,100 surety return and Certificate of Completion for permit #20-011, Randolph Square.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

B) Permit #22-016, Victoria Park Field and Restroom – Amendment (Chastan-Davis)

Mr. Chastan-Davis presented permit #22-016, Victoria Park Field and Restroom. The project consists of the construction of a synthetic turf athletic field, new restroom building, new bituminous trails, and all related utilities, grading, and erosion control measures. The application was previously approved by the Board with conditions on September 7, 2022, and received an approval extension on September 6, 2023. An amendment to the application is proposed to change the site grading, volume, and rate calculations.

Motion 24-117: *Approve amendment to permit #22-016, Victoria Park Field and Restroom, with five conditions:*

- 1) *Revise the southern lobe of subcatchment C in existing conditions and subcatchment D in proposed conditions drainage area maps and HydroCAD. The southern portion shall be routed to the wetland rather than the filtration basin.*
- 2) *Clarify the drainage direction of the proposed restroom roof. CRWD assumes that half of the restroom roof will drain to the turf field and half will drain to the drainage swale untreated, but it is unclear in the drainage area map.*
- 3) *Provide additional elevation points on the NE side of the swale leading to Inline Drain-4 on Sheet C300 to confirm positive drainage to Inline Drain-4. Callouts make it difficult to see the grade lines of the swale.*
- 4) *Provide a site-specific maintenance plan that includes items 4.a.-4.g. in permit report R7d dated 6/11/24.*
- 5) *Revise turf field design to address items 5.a.-5.d. in permit report R7d dated 6/11/24.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

B) Permit #23-004, Acadia Behavioral Health – Amendment (Hosch)

Ms. Hosch presented an amendment for permit #23-004, Acadia Behavioral Health. The applicant has demolished the existing 10-story Bethesda Hospital and proposes the construction of a 5-story behavioral health hospital on the 8.15-acre site. The permit was previously issued on December 14, 2023. This amendment is for a change of stormwater treatment system from R-tank to Contech CMP.

Motion 24-118: *Approve amendment for permit #23-004, Acadia Behavioral Health Hospital with 4 conditions:*

- 1) *Revise Stormwater Maintenance Narrative/O&M Plan to specify that maintenance shall be required for the CMP infiltration systems if they are not meeting the 48-hour drawdown requirement.*
- 2) *Submit receipt of documentation of the updated maintenance agreement recorded with Ramsey County, being sure to include attachments A (scaled site plan) and B (site specific maintenance plan).. The maintenance agreement will need to be re-recorded with the County since the stormwater treatment BMPs changed.*
- 3) *Revise disturbed area reported in the site grading notes on Sheet C2.0. Note 2 references a disturbed are of 4.2 acres, but Sheets C3.0-C3.2 indicate 4.5 acres of disturbed area.*
- 4) *Include the items 4.a.-4.i. in permit report R13b dated 6/10/24 for the underground infiltration systems in the shop drawings.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

D) Permit #24-015, Mansur Home Construction, Lot 3 of MRB Subdivision (Stephan)

Ms. Stephan presented permit #24-015, Mansur home construction (Lot 3 of 104 MRB). The applicant proposes to construct a single-family home that is part of the 21-002, 104 MRB subdivision project. Rate control requirements are met for the full subdivision under this earlier permit, while water quality and volume control requirements are met on the individual lots.

Motion 24-119: *Approve permit #24-015, Mansur home construction (Lot 3 of 104 MRB), with 5 conditions:*

- 1) *Receipt of \$1,000 surety.*
- 2) *Receipt of documentation of maintenance agreement recorded with Ramsey County, being sure to include attachments A (scaled site plan) and B (site specific maintenance plan).*
- 3) *Provide a copy of the NPDES permit.*
- 4) *Revise plans to address the items 4.a.-4.d. in permit report R3c dated 6/11/2024.*
- 5) *Revise site-specific maintenance plan to address the items 5.a.-5.c. in permit report R3c dated 6/11/2024.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

IV. Special Reports - None.

V. Action Items

A) Approve Minutes of June 5, 2024, Board Workshop and Regular Board Meeting (Dalit)

Motion 24-120: *Approve the June 5, 2024, Minutes, Board Workshop and Regular Board Meeting.*

President Collins requested to add a motion that took place during the Closed session to the minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting. With this addition, the Board approved the minutes.

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

B) Approve Accounts Payable/Receivable for May 2024 (Dalit)

Motion 24-121: *Approve May 2024 accounts payable/receivable and direct Board Treasurer and President to endorse and disperse checks for these payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

C) Approve the Scope of Work and Budget for the Chloride Management Plan (Wein/Belden)

Ms. Wein presented the scope of work and budget created by CRWD staff and Young Environmental for the development of the Chloride Management Plan. The scope of work includes four major tasks for the plan development process. Task 1 outlines project administration tasks and meetings. Task 2 includes reviewing and analyzing CRWD's chloride data, reviewing and summarizing the current chloride management efforts of CRWD and other area entities, and reviewing local and regional plans. Task 3 outlines efforts to identify issues, develop goals, and define the District's role in chloride management. As part of this effort, Young Environmental will develop and carry out an engagement plan to gather input from internal groups and external groups. Task 4 will bring together the deliverables from Tasks 1-3 and develop the final plan that will guide CRWD's future work, planning, and programs in chloride management.

Manager Collins asked if the plan would provide examples of what can be done to manage chloride. Ms. Wein responded that the plan would take a step back, review data and help staff understand the issues and current chloride management efforts of CRWD and other entities, then from there, identify issues and actionable items that the District could achieve to solve those issues.

Motion 24-122: *Approve the Chloride Management Plan scope of work and budget and authorize the Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with Young Environmental Consulting Group for an amount not to exceed \$77,622 and any amendments to the agreement up to \$10,000.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Ford Area C Update (Fossum)

Deputy Administrator Fossum presented an update on Ford Area C, which is located west of Mississippi Blvd. immediately adjacent to the Mississippi River. For many years, Ford Motor Company used this parcel to dispose of industrial waste from manufacturing processes. More recently the site was capped with a paved parking lot. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has been working with Ford to investigate the content and magnitude of the material that remains in Area C. CRWD has been involved in evaluating the investigation for approximately 6 years. Staff requested additional monitoring to fully characterize the magnitude and extent of contaminant migration at the site and evaluation of suggested alternatives in the Ford Area C Feasibility Study.

Late in 2023 CRWD was provided with additional monitoring reports as well as a draft Focused Feasibility Study. The study lists 6 alternatives for long-term management of the site, ranging from taking no action to removing all waste and restoring the site. Mr. Fossum outlined the reasons why Ford Area C is a concern and reviewed the 6 options for managing the site and the evaluation criteria. The selected management plan must meet the threshold criteria of protecting human health and the environment and complying with applicable regulations. Ford's preferred alternative would include removing industrial waste closest to the surface and stabilizing the site.

Staff will request approval by the Board at the July 10th meeting of a comment letter on the draft feasibility study. CRWD's comments will be included along with MPCA's to Ford and their consultant and will include comments on slope stability, a recommendation to evaluate another alternative that reduces slopes, and drainage system analysis. CRWD's comments will also suggest that the MPCA require an enhanced and robust operation and maintenance plan for whichever plan is selected. An updated feasibility study is expected to be produced following comments from MPCA and CRWD.

Manager Collins asked if removing some of the top layers would reduce the density of the pile. Mr. Fossum responded that Barr Engineering said they did not think it would make much of a difference. Manager Texer asked how the cost of the selected plan will be paid for. Mr. Fossum said that it would be paid for by Ford because they enrolled in the MPCA's Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program. The Board emphasized that the comment letter should state that the best alternative would be for complete removal of all waste and restoration of the site. Mr. Fossum clarified that the comment letter is commenting on this version of the draft feasibility study. Since it is not the final study, Mr. Fossum recommends the District hold off on taking a firm position on an alternative until all the alternatives are laid out in the final next version.

B) Ramsey County League of Local Governments (Eleria)

CRWD staff recently gave a presentation about watershed management in Ramsey County to the Ramsey County League of Local Governments (RCLLG), an association of cities, townships, school districts, and Ramsey County. CRWD was subsequently invited to join RCLLG. Member

benefits include educational programs, member socials, newsletters, and access to information and resources on the RCLLG website. The group has also created a Climate Action Working Group to foster coordination and collaboration on climate action. This group meets monthly with the next meeting scheduled for June 25th.

C) MN Watersheds Summer Tour (Eleria)

Administrator Eleria shared the itinerary and logistical information for the MN Watersheds Summer Tour, which is taking place on June 25-26.

VII. General Information

A) Board of Managers' Updates

Manager Sullivan Janzen will be participating in an artist residency program in Lanesboro and may miss one of the August Board meetings. Manager Texer volunteered to attend the August CAC meeting.

Manager Sullivan Janzen shared that Ramsey County Commissioner Trista Martinson is stepping down from the Board of Commissioners as she has accepted a new role as the Executive Director of Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy. The county will hold a special election to fill the vacancy. Manager Sullivan Janzen recommended sending a note from CRWD.

Manager Sanders shared he was on the planning committee of the Roseville Juneteenth festival this year. There was a career table, and he thought this would be a good event for CRWD to attend next year.

B) Administrator's Update

Two Right Track interns joined CRWD for the summer. They will spend 9 weeks with the District. During their first week, they have been shadowing the Administrative Division. The Board will have the opportunity to meet them later this summer.

St. Paul City Council is holding their City Council Retreat at CRWD on June 27-28.

Bob Fossum and Forrest Kelley have been busy lately, sharing their expertise and knowledge on a couple of initiatives. Mr. Fossum has been providing tours at Highland Bridge to several groups, and Mr. Kelley served on a water reuse panel hosted by Barr Engineering and Freshwater Society.

VIII. Next Meetings

- A) Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 5:00 PM – Board Workshop and Meeting
- B) Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 5:00 PM – CAC Tour

IX. Adjournment

Motion 24-123: *Adjournment of June 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting at 7:28 PM.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Meilina Dalit