

**LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008, 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kremer called the regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 in the Council Chambers at the City of Chaska, Chaska, Minnesota.

2. ROLL CALL

Managers Present: Len Kremer, Ed Schlampp, Larry Samstad, Ron Kraemer
Also Present: Jerry Hennen, Scott County Commissioner, Paul Moline, Carver County, District's Attorney, Bruce Malkerson, staff members Terry Schwalbe and Joan Ellis

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. VOTE: Ayes 5; Nays 0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills.

VOTE: Ayes 5; Nays 0.

5. OPEN FORUM

No one spoke.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes for the month of June. The Treasurer's Report and Payment of bills were approved under the Consent Agenda.

7. PRESENTATIONS

None.

8. PRESENTATIONS FOR BOARD ACTION

a. Flying Cloud Airport 2009 Runway 10R-28L Extension, Allen Dye MAC

Mr. Dye outlined what work has been done to date. All of the information is in the EIS and reviewed by agencies and all said there is no significant impact. Mr. Schwalbe said Bonestroo will have the report for the next meeting.

b. West Chaska Creek Sampling Station Equipment Upgrades, Paul Moline, Carver County Environmental Services

Carver County is conducting the monitoring at this location after the Department of Agriculture pulled out and we took over the equipment which has since failed was replaced and needs to be installed. **It was moved and seconded to cost share with Carver County 50% of the total of \$3,530.16 which is \$1,765.08. VOTE: Ayes 4; Nays 0.**

Added Item: Carver County Geologic Atlas

Mr. Moline explained that Carver County is completing a geologic atlas that will be available on disks and a link to the other counties. It is quite extensive in information/data. They are looking for funding partners as the project total cost is \$103,080.00. **It was moved and seconded to cost share with Carver County in a not to exceed amount of \$2,064.40. VOTE: Ayes 4; Nays 0.**

c. Cooperative Pervious Pavers Project Carver County Government Center, Paul Moline

Mr. Moline explained this demonstration project that will also have a maintenance plan. Chaska Public Works will vacuum out the drive area twice a year. The County is requesting funding between \$15,000 - \$20,000. Signage would be installed to educate the public and that is something the District could partner with the county in planning. **It was moved and seconded to approve a not to exceed funding of \$10,000 which will be paid out of the 2009 budget.**
VOTE: Ayes 4; Nays 0.

d. Fireman's Lake Shoreline Restoration, Paul Moline, Carver County

Mr. Moline did not make a presentation on this item.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Shakopee and Savage bridge runoff flooding issues, Mr. Schwalbe

Mr. Schwalbe said that due to the office move he only had time to look at the bridges and place a call to Scott County, but no response as yet. Mr. Schwalbe said he would take Mr. Samstad out to the two bridges to take a closer look at the existing issues.

11. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

a. Seminary Fen/Assumption Creek

Mr. Schwalbe said he is meeting with the DNR staff and Hess family representatives on site to discuss restoration on Moes property and Seminary Fen and application of funding through a MN Clean Lakes grant whose deadline to apply is July 30th, 2008.

b. Update on the Minnesota River Valley Basin Commission

Mr. Schwalbe said he has a meeting July 23 to discuss the strategy for the commission and cost estimate for the managers.

c. Update on dredge sites

Mr. Schwalbe is attending a meeting tomorrow to determine if the USACOE will have to dredge the Nine Foot Channel. Mr. Schwalbe is to get the most recent testing from the Corp to determine the contents and discuss at a future meeting. Mr. Schwalbe did get testing results from CHS Harvest States who tests private slips yearly which show elevation of barium is naturally occurring so the MPCA is not concerned. Mr. Malkerson said "naturally occurring" is not the standard.

d. Bluff Creek erosion correction update

Mr. Schwalbe said he is still trying to get U.S. Fish and Wildlife to meet on this issue. There was a meeting on June 30th at the City of Chanhassen to kick off their TMDL for Bluff Creek.

There are two other streams of concern that impact Bluff Creek (Frenchie's Junk Yard) and another on the south side of 212.

e. Upper Mississippi Bacteria TMDL study with MN River Included

There is a meeting next week on the TMDL. Mr. Kremer is attending representing Bassett Creek. Mr. Schwalbe called Ms. Peichel at the PCA to include the Minnesota River in their study and Mr. Schwalbe said he then can be on the committee.

12. Attorney Report

There is nothing to report.

13. The Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills

These items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

14. Upcoming Meetings/Tours/Events

There is a Black Dog/Xcel meeting August 5 to discuss cooling water release into the MN River. Manager Samstad said he is attending a Scott County meeting July 21 regarding creating a sound conservation easement program.

President Kremer said the board had received a letter from EOR that had visited with us at our Special Meeting for general engineering selection. In their letter they stated they were concerned if their contacts with Mr. Schwalbe disturbed him and apologized for that. They indicated they had spent a lot of time in their proposals and thought that there was a lot of value in their proposal and worked hard at trying to understand all the issues to provide value to the District .

They are saying they want to make sure that future relationships with them is not affected and asking that we re-consider their proposal and consider also interviewing them as part of the interview process we are going to go through.

Manager Samstad said we should send a letter to EOR indicating the board has made their decision and thanking them.

President Kremer said he agreed with EOR that their proposal did show a lot of value, their personnel is very qualified, theirs was one of the lower cost proposals, it responded to the Request for Proposals, we haven't met their project manager so we don't know if we would work well with that person.

Mr. Schwalbe said he hadn't received a letter yet.

Three members of the board indicated we should leave things as the board decided previously.

Mr. Schwalbe was asked to send a letter to EOR informing them the board decided to remain with their initial decision and tell them thank you.

15. Adjourn

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

