



Work Session 8 Minutes

3rd Generation Watershed Planning

Date: August 6, 2009
Location: East Bethel City Hall

In Attendance: Denny Peterson, City of Columbus
Mark Walsh, City of Columbus
Leon Mager, City of East Bethel
Frank Kvidera, Linwood Township
Marie Holm, Linwood Township
Mike Bury, City of Ham Lake
Jamie Schurbon, Anoka Conservation District

This work session was conducted within a regular SRWMO Board meeting. Regular business was conducted from 6:00 to 6:25. These are not official minutes of the regular meeting. Rather, they are a more detailed accounting of discussions pertaining directly to watershed planning.

- 1. Future meeting dates.** The regularly scheduled October 1 SRWMO meeting is cancelled. A meeting on November 5 at 6pm at East Bethel City Hall will be added. This meeting will be shortly after the 60-day review period for the draft plan. Reviewing and responding to comments received will be on the agenda. A public hearing for the draft watershed management plan is scheduled for November 19, 2009 at 7pm at East Bethel City Hall in the council chambers. Schurbon will publicize the public hearing in local newspapers at least 14 and 7 days before the hearing.
- 2. Review of the draft watershed management plan.** Schurbon presented a complete draft of the watershed plan, which had been mailed to the board members in advance of the meeting. Comments and corrections included:
 - Discussion of the classification system for lakes (groups I, II, and III).
 - Discussion that a disproportionate amount of work is planned for Martin and Typo Lakes, which are impaired. Protection of better quality waterbodies, like Coon Lake, is also important. After some discussion it was felt that focusing on the extreme problems was appropriate and there is also adequate work planned for other waterbodies like Coon Lake. One change made was that cost share grants will be available not just to landowners, but also to lake associations. These grants are a way for the WMO to support water quality efforts where residents initiate them.
 - Discussion of Ham Lake's efforts to add a community septic system in the Interlachen neighborhood around Coon Lake will be added to the plan. The city

is making substantial progress toward this project. The road reconstruction work that will be associated could provide an opportunity for the WMO to make stormwater system improvements (the city is already working on this).

- Walleye stocking efforts on Coon Lake are greater than the plan states. The plan will be revised and will state that the DNR is stocking walleye at 550 pounds per year of large walleye fingerlings.
 - Financial projections for Martin and Typo Lakes water quality projects were revised upward from two installments of \$30,000 to two installments of \$50,000. This amount will provide a higher likelihood that the WMO will be able to match and secure grants for the projects. Many of the projects needed are estimated to cost >\$100,000.
 - Discussion of how the WMO will oversee ordinance enforcement by the municipalities occurred. There is some concern about enforcement of the septic system ordinances that are required under MN Rules 7080-7082 and the WMO plan. The draft plan provides a process for communicating from the city to the WMO and vice versa.
 - The continued policy to allow municipalities to adopt the WMO plan by reference as their local water plan was discussed. Linwood currently does this. The Board favored continuing this policy given that most of the actions demanded of municipalities in the plan must be formalized in other ways, such as through ordinances and reporting to the WMO.
 - Typographical and formatting.
3. **Finances.** The WMO board recognized that the percentages used to split costs among the member cities were last updated around 1999. The percentages are based on assessed market value in each community. Schurbon will request that Anoka County GIS Department perform an assessment. When completed, Schurbon will revise the “impact on local government” section of the plan to reflect the new numbers.
4. **Joint Powers Agreement.** It was discussed that the WMO’s joint powers agreement needs updates. This task is included in the plan for 2010.

The Board authorized sending the draft plan to municipalities and review agencies for the 60-day review period. Schurbon will complete this work.

Work session ended at 7:30 pm
Minutes written by Jamie Schurbon, Anoka Conservation District