



Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission Minutes  
May 11, 2018  
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Lakes Room

**Commission Members Present:**

Mark Graham	Vadnais Heights (VH)
Jim Grisim	White Bear Lake (WBL)
Bob Larson	North Oaks (NO)
Paul Duxbury	White Bear Township (WBT)
Gloria Tessier	Gem Lake (GL)
Marty Asleson	Lino Lakes (LL)

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Others in attendance:** Nick Voss, Tyler Thompson (VLAWMO); Jeremy Erickson, Justine Roe (St. Paul Regional Water Service – SPRWS); Diane Gorder & Kate Winsor (North Oaks); Marty Long, VLAWMO Board member

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 7:30am. Introductions were made for VLAWMO Board member Marty Long.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**  
It was moved by Grisim and seconded by Duxbury to approve the May 11, 2018 agenda. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
At the April meeting approval of the March minutes was tabled until the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The April minutes also needed approval.  
It was moved by Graham and seconded by Larson to approve the March 9, 2018 minutes. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Grisim to approve the April 13, 2018 minutes. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- IV. **Administration & Operations**  
None
- V. **Reports**
  - A. **Financial Report for May & authorization for payment of checks.**  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Graham to approve the May Treasurer's report and payment of checks. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- VI. **Programs**
  - A. **Education & Outreach**
    1. **Community Blue & Master Water Stewards Update**  
The Board has approved the Community Blue grant for Connect the Drops. A progress report will be submitted to VLAWMO in late August. The Board also approved funding for 2 Water Stewards; staff is waiting on tools from Freshwater Society to begin interviewing for positions.
    2. **WAV activities Spring 2018**  
The WAV held a meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> to plan its spring activities.
    3. **AIS partnerships with RCD**  
Staff is working with RCD staff to build a citizen AIS inspector network to track AIS changes in VLAWMO waterbodies.

**B. Cost Share Program – LL1 – VH Native Planting**

A homeowner in Vadnais Heights applied for a LL1 grant for a native planting that will be replacing turf in their backyard, along with amending soils. They will be working with a contractor and have requested the full grant amount of \$2,000.

**The LL1 grant application in the amount of \$2,000.00 is being recommended for approval by staff. It was moved by Grisim and seconded by Duxbury to approve \$2,000 for the LL1 2018-02 native planting grant. Vote: all aye. Motion passed**

**VII. Projects**

**A. Birch Lake – 4<sup>th</sup> & Otter Lake Rd Update**

Barr is beginning its work on the engineering of the project, while the survey from the City and the wetland delineation by Ramsey County still need to be completed.

**B. Goose Oak Knoll Study**

The technical memo for Goose Lake & OKP has been received from Barr, as well as a formatted feasibility report that fits directly into BWSR’s method for review grant applications.

**C. Lambert Creek, Engineering Project – Ditch Survey**

The draft *RCD 14 Records Reestablishment Memo* has been received from Houston for the main trunk of Ditch 14, but does not include the branch ditches. The same work for the branch ditches would come at a cost of \$8,200. As almost all of these branch ditches are in Vadnais Heights, the City will be helping fund a portion of this to complete this work for the branches of Ditch 14.

**D. Polar Chev Channel Project**

The Board approved to keep moving forward on the Project to use the BWSR funding, and a preliminary plan set and cost from RCD has been created. Staff has also asked Barr to submit a proposal for several concept options.

**E. Whitaker Treatment Project**

The contractor has been out finishing system installation and testing. The commissioning took place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and the wetland will be planted in early June due to our late spring.

**VIII. WCA**

none

**IX. Commissioner Reports**

Long discussed the VLAWMO Board is appreciative of the TEC’s roll and encourages their input to the Watershed. It was also discussed that the Board was looking into moving to monthly meetings. Staff changes and a new position to fill Kristine’s position was also discussed.

Graham discussed the WBL lawsuit progress.

**X. St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS) Report**

Jeremy & Justine reported the SPRWS Open House took place on 5/10/18, went well and Nick was in attendance with the VLAWMO booth.

**XI. Ramsey Conservation District (RCD) Report**

**XII. Public Comment**

**XIII. Next Meetings**

TEC: June 8; Board: June 27

**XIV. Adjourn**

It was moved by Graham and seconded by Grisim to adjourn at 8:12 am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.