



Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission Minutes  
August 10, 2018  
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Lakes Room

**Commission Members Present:**

Jim Grisim White Bear Lake (WBL)  
Bob Larson North Oaks (NO)  
Paul Duxbury White Bear Township (WBT)  
Gloria Tessier Gem Lake (GL)  
Nolan Wall (temporary) Vadnais Heights (VH)

**Commission Members Absent:** Marty Asleson (LL)

**Others in attendance:** Stephanie McNamara, Brian Corcoran, Tyler Thompson, Nick Voss (VLAWMO); Justine Roe (St. Paul Regional Water Service – SPRWS); Justin Townsend (Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation Division); Melissa King (BWSR)

- I. **Call to Order** Vice Chair Grisim called the meeting to order at 7:30am.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Duxbury to approve the August 10, 2018 agenda as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Tessier to approve the July 13, 2018 minutes as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- IV. **Administration & Operations**
  - A. **Discussion of TEC officers** – McNamara discussed filling the TEC chair void left by Chair Graham after retirement, positing that the TEC could vote to have Grisim take over and another member fill the Vice Chair position. Tessier announced she would be willing to fill the Vice Chair position. It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Larson to nominate Gloria Tessier as the Vice Chair and to affirm Jim Grisim as VLAWMO TEC Chair. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
  - B. **White Bear TWP & Lino Lakes Local Water Management Plans** – Staff reviewed the newly-received Plans to affirm they are consistent with VLAWMO's 2017-2026 Water Plan. **Staff seeks TEC recommendation to the Board for approval of both plans, contingent on minor changes.**  
**Discussion:** Grisim asked if the plans follow DNR guidelines. McNamara addressed that it follows state statute, as well as other oversight agency policies, and will be reviewed and approved by them as well.  
It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Grisim to recommend approval, contingent on a few minor changes, that the TEC recommends the Board reviews and approves the Lino Lakes Local Water Management Plan and the White Bear TWP Local Surface Water Management plan. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- V. **Reports**
  - A. **Financial Report for August & authorization for payment of checks.**  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Grisim to approve the August Treasurer's report and payment of checks. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**B. TEC report to the Board**

It was moved by Tessier and seconded by Larson to approve the August TEC Report to the Board. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**VI. Programs**

**A. Education & Outreach**

**1. Goose Lake stakeholder meeting: results**

Voss reviewed the 3 directive takeaways from the meeting that the group supported: proceed with the grant application for alum treatment of East Goose Lake; continue spent lime study in Oak Knoll Pond and potentially pursue implementation grant funding; continue to pursue in-the-ground BMP projects within the subwatershed.

**2. Master Water Stewards promo**

Voss explained we are spreading the word and flyers to attract applicants, and asks that others help out if they can.

**3. Community Blue: Connect the Drops – payment #1**

A payment of \$3,800 is being made to Heidi Ferris of Growing Green Thumbs, and training is beginning September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Cost Share Program – LL2 –Windsong HOA VH Native Planting, LL2 2018-01**

Thompson presented a LL2 applicant in the way of a townhome association that is working with Prairie Restorations to implement a large native planting of 20,000 ft sq on a hillside that is difficult to mow and burns out in the summer. Once they have the native vegetation established, they will cease irrigation of the area. The applicant is requesting \$7,770.00 in Landscape Level 2 funding for the project. This is the first qualifying LL2 grant of 2018. **Staff is recommending the TEC recommends the project for approval to the Board of Directors.**

It was moved by Grisim and seconded by Duxbury to recommend approval of \$7,770 from the Landscape Level 2 grant program to the Board for the LL2 2018-01 WHOA hillside native planting. Vote: all aye. Motion passed

**VII. Projects**

**A. 4<sup>th</sup> & Otter Project Update**

Thompson reported Barr is still working on the engineering for the Project, VLAWMO is making headway on acquiring the 4<sup>th</sup> & Otter parcel, and the wetland delineation for boundary & type has been submitted to officially begin the WCA process.

**B. Lambert Creek Update**

Corcoran presented a power point summary of the findings of the Ditch 14 Engineer's Report. Staff from Houston Engineering will be at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting to summarize the Report, as well, and the public and residents along Ditch 14 are being mailed invites to the presentation. The presentation will begin at 6:15 pm. **Staff is requesting the TEC recommends the Ditch 14 Engineers Report to the Board for approval.**

It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Tessier to recommend approval of the Ditch 14 Engineer's Report to the Board for approval. Vote: all aye. Motion passed

**C. Watershed-based funding project Update**

McNamara reported the Goose Lake Subwatershed Feasibility Study proposal is in and was included in the TEC packet that was sent out before the meeting. It's a heavy engineering proposal to conduct H&H modeling of the area, as well as designing 3 top BMPs construction plans to 60% for implementation. The combined grant application for funds from Ramsey & Anoka Counties was approved July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Work Plan for the WSBF is being completed, will be submitted by the end of August, and will help fund the engineering study, as well as partial implementation of 1 BMP project in the subwatershed. **Staff is seeking recommendation from the TEC to the Board for approval of Barr's engineering proposal for the Goose Lake Subwatershed at the cost of \$53,000, with the majority coming from the WSBF grant.**

It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Grisim to recommend approval of Barr's engineering proposal at the cost of \$53,000 for the Goose Lake Subwatershed modeling and construction design to the Board for approval. Vote: all aye. Motion passed

**D. Whitaker Treatment Project**

The open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Columbia Park. A flyer was included in the TEC packet.

**E. Sucker Channel**

McNamara reported the planting is complete and was approved after a site visit. The two educational signs are designed and ready to be manufactured. However, the final efforts are waiting on a trail regrading to fix some stormwater flow that caused a channelized washout mulch in one of the planting beds. Also, the posts for the signs are coming from Ramsey County parks, so VLAWMO staff is working on coordination of sign size with the posts. Once all that is done, the signs can be made and installed and the planting will be done.

**VIII. WCA:** None to report at this time

**IX. Commissioner Reports**

Grisim announced Dale Bacon is stepping down as the BLID Chair to better enjoy retirement, and the BLID leadership looks to be other members more active in the organization.

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

Roe reported the SPRWS installed new, more accurate lake gauges on Pleasant & Sucker Lakes.

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

**XII. Public Comment**

**XIII. Next Meetings**

TEC: September 14; Board: August 22

**XIV. Adjourn**

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Duxbury to adjourn at 8:53 am. Vote: All aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.