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Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission Minutes  
September 10, 2021  
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Lakes Room  
800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

**Commission Members Present:**

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| Gloria Tessier | Chair, Gem Lake (GL)                     |
| Nolan Wall     | TEC Alternate, Vadnais Heights (VH)      |
| Paul Duxbury   | Board Liaison, White Bear Township (WBT) |
| Bob Larson     | Treasurer, North Oaks (NO)               |

**Commission Members Absent:** Jesse Farrell (Vice Chair, absent with prior-notice, VH), Andy Nelson (LL), Terry Huntrods (WBL).

**Others in attendance:** Phil Belfiori, Brian Corcoran, Nick Voss, Dawn Tanner, Tyler Thompson (VLAWMO); Patricia Orud (NOHOA); Jeremy Erickson (SPRWS)

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Tessier called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the September 10, 2021 Technical Commission Meeting was presented for approval. Tessier proposed tabling item IV. B. for consideration of alternative meeting day & time until the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Agenda moved for approval, as amended.  
It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Larson to approve the September 10, 2021 TEC agenda, as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of the August 13, 2021 Technical Commission Meeting were presented for approval with a minor update to item II.  
It was moved by Larson and seconded by Duxbury to approve the August 13, 2021 meeting minutes, as amended. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- IV. **Administration & Operations**
  - A. **Financial Report for September & Authorization for Payment**

Belfiori overviewed highlights and line items of the September Finance Report and bills, with staff recommending approval and authorization of payments.

It was moved by Tessier and seconded by Larson to approve the September Treasurer's Report and authorization of payments. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
  - B. ~~Consideration of Alternate TEC Meeting Times or Days~~ – Tabled for October 8<sup>th</sup> TEC Meeting
- V. **Programs**
  - A. **Education & Outreach**
    1. **September updates**

Thompson presented Voss' updates for Education & Outreach that were provided in the September Staff Memo.
    2. **2021 Watershed Awards**

Thompson announced the 2021 Watershed Award nominations are open and available for submission, noting that staff is willing and able to help supplement nomination details and specifics, and not to hesitate.

**B. Cost Share Program**

**1. 2021 Program Updates**

Thompson overviewed the 2021 Cost Share Program financial details and standing, along with a few project updates and planning. Everything is in good standing and on track for 2021 and 2020 grant closeouts.

**VI. Projects**

**A. Wilkinson Lk. BMP/319 Grant Update**

Tanner updated that the Board authorized the MOU & O&M Agreement with NOC/NOF and sending the draft workplan and budget to the MPCA/EPA for approval at the Sept meeting. MPCA is currently reviewing the workplan and budget. VLAWMO staff are continuing to work with Barr Engineering and NOC on project design and determining easement area, as identified in the MOU.

**B. Great River Greening Vadnais-Sucker Park Update**

Tanner updated the landowner agreement was finalized between GRG and SPRWS in August. The final agreement will go to the SPRWS Board this month for authorization.

**C. Carp Project**

Tanner presented photos at the meeting and overviewed that VLAWMO staff are working with WSB to implant active transmitters in 12 carp to allow locating aggregations and facilitation of a planned fall/winter harvest.

**D. Get the Lead Out**

Tanner presented that the MPCA has been working over the summer to build and install lead tackle drop boxes that include educational handouts for pickup. Tanner presented photos of the unit and updated that a box is anticipated to be installed today at Sucker Channel, with the help of Ramsey County.

**VII. Commissioner Reports**

None.

**VIII. NOHOA**

Orud presented updates on the bioswale at the East Oaks Rec. center, NOHOA's has a new tree policy in place and underway. Restoration along Pleasant Lake with NO golf club, used NST. There is an event on 9/25 at Mary Hill Park for buckthorn removal and demonstration. A blue green algae alert on Pleasant Lake was coordinated with staff and was announced via email blast to North Oaks residents. Mikeya Griffin was recruited away from NOHOA, with operations being carried out by the NOHOA Board members, Engineer and Manager. NOHOA is planning for Deep Lake shoreline management and will coordinate with VLAWMO staff for assistance.

**IX. Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation Division (RCSWCD) Report**

Tanner updated for the RCSWCD that the native plant delivery date is being set along with a volunteer planting date for Teal Pond at Tamarack Nature Center. VLAWMO survey quotes for 2022 will soon take place.

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

Erickson updated the pilot plant is operating at 30%. Long time lab technician & Water Quality Specialist, Salam Hamid, has retired from the SPRWS and is greatly missed by all. The SPRWS is planning to host an open house at the Highland water tower the weekend of October 10th.

**XI. Public Comment**

None.

**XII. Next Meetings**

TEC: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Board: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**XIII. Adjourn**

It was moved by Tessier and seconded by Duxbury to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 am. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.