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Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Technical Commission Minutes  
December 8, 2021  
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Council Chambers  
800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

**Commission Members Present:**

Gloria Tessier	Chair, Gem Lake (GL)
Jesse Farrell	Vice Chair, Vadnais Heights (VH)
Paul Duxbury	Board Liaison, White Bear Township (WBT)
Bob Larson	Treasurer, North Oaks (NO)
Terry Huntrods	White Bear Lake (WBL)
Andy Nelson	Lino Lakes (LL)

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Others in attendance:** Phil Belfiori, Brian Corcoran, Nick Voss, Tyler Thompson (VLAWMO staff); Sara Shah (North Oaks)

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Tessier called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda for the December 8, 2021 Technical Commission Meeting was presented for approval. It was moved by Farrell and seconded by Larson to approve the December 8, 2021 TEC agenda, as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
The meeting minutes of the November 10, 2021 Technical Commission Meeting were presented for approval. It was moved by Huntrods and seconded by Larson to approve the November 10, 2021 meeting minutes, as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
- IV. **Administration & Operations**
  - A. **Financial Report for December & Authorization for Payment**  
Belfiori overviewed highlights and line items of the December Finance Report and bills, with staff recommending approval and authorization of payments. Belfiori noted nothing out of the ordinary or large, just the payment of a Landscape Level 1 grant.  
  
It was moved by Farrell and seconded by Huntrods to approve the December Treasurer's Report and authorization of payments. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.
  - B. **VLAWMO December TEC Report to the Board**  
Belfiori overviewed the December 2021 TEC Report to the Board was presented for review and approval.  
  
**Discussion:** Farrell noted that the work that's been done on Lambert Creek and the ditch maintenance project would have elicited a standing ovation 2 years ago during high water issues, but due to lower water levels it may otherwise go unnoticed in future years. The work that VLAWMO has completed and achieved should be recognized and appreciated.  
  
It was moved by Duxbury and seconded by Larson to approve the December 2021 VLAWMO TEC Report to the Board. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**V. Programs**

**A. Education & Outreach**

**1. 2022 E&O Goals**

Voss presented an overview of 2021 achievements and goals review, moving through a slideshow. Upcoming efforts, goals, and direction were also presented upon. Voss mentioned a new program partnership with Tamarack Nature Center, continuing restoration efforts and monitoring. Volunteering efforts for restoring prior and maintaining current rain gardens and restorations are planned and prioritized for 2022.

**Discussion:** Duxbury congratulated Voss for good work in 2021. Gloria expressed how everything is highlighted and realizing everything that is accomplished when combined into a year-end report.

**VI. Projects**

**A. RCD 14 Maintenance Project Update**

Corcoran presented and overviewed the phase II maintenance project on Ramsey County Ditch 14, which is nearly complete. A total project length of 2,600 feet will be completed when wrapped up. The project has been

**Discussion:** Duxbury asked what the next potential section of the ditch would be anticipated for similar maintenance. Corcoran replied that access downstream of this site is very rough with steep and deep banks, so debris and tree removal will be targeted, in 2022 and going forward. Farrell asked about wildlife sighting and such. Corcoran noted that the Phase 1 project opened up the fish barrier from East Vadnais Lake, as well as deer interested in the work goings on.

**B. Lambert update**

Belfiori noted the Lambert Lake project did not win Project of the Year, but was one of the finalists, and was nicely highlighted at the MAWD conference.

**C. Pleasant Lake Carp update**

Belfiori addressed that WSB performed a carp telemetry check after the December TEC packet was sent out, and a tentative date is still to be set for a carp harvest.

**VII. Commissioner Reports**

None.

**VIII. NOHOA**

Shah noted that there are 3 new members elected to the NOHOA Board.

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

Thompson reported that the Amelia lake survey is anticipated to be completed and sent to VLAWMO staff within the next week, as the RCSWCD works on completing 2021 survey reports.

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

None.

**XI. Public Comment**

None.

**XII. Next Meetings**

TEC: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Board: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Special Workshop

**XIII. Adjourn**

It was moved by Huntrods and seconded by Larson to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 am. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Tyler Thompson.