



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 May 25, 2016

In Attendance		Absent	
Marc Johannsen	Vadnais Heights	Rob Rafferty	Lino Lakes
Dan Jones	White Bear Lake		
Ed Prudhon	White Bear Township		
Rick Bosak	Gem Lake		
Marty Long	North Oaks		
Stephanie McNamara	Administrator		
Kristine Jenson	Program Manager		
Brian Corcoran	Water Resources Manager		
Tyler Thompson	Water Resources & GIS Technician		
Nick Voss	Education & Outreach Coordinator		

Others in attendance:

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Johannsen. A quorum is present for the meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Long to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**III. Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2016**

A motion was made by Prudhon and seconded by Long to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Vote: 3 aye, 2 abstain (Jones, Bosak); Motion passed.

**IV. Consideration of Water Plan Comment Responses**

**A. Direction for distribution**

Comments were received from 7 agencies: MN Dept of Natural Resources, MN Pollution Control Agency, Board of Water and Soil Resources, City of North Oaks, City of White Bear Lake, Metropolitan Council, and Ramsey County Public Works. The comments were compiled into a spreadsheet and responses were made to each one. Many comments had to do with format and there were more substantive comments which we are addressing. The main changes that will be noticeable are an update to the Executive Summary, a change in how the Education and Outreach Program is described due to the fact that we have a new staff person for the program and the Education and Outreach Plan is going through an extensive update. Lastly, changes to the Capital Improvements Costs and Schedule will be made to include additional projects and more information in the narrative. We want to keep the EOP and water policy separate from the Plan because they are going through updates. If we include it with the Plan, we will be required to go through a Plan Amendment process. The Board is supportive of keeping those parts separate. Stephanie said we will keep some language in the Plan but will keep the EOP and Policy separate for now.

The Water Policy was last completed in 2009. We need to have some information from the policy in the Plan (minimum infiltration standards). In our current policy, the infiltration rate standard is 0.5" which is outdated. We want to change it to 1.1" which is the current standard.

Staff requires Board authorization to send our responses to the respective agencies.

It was moved by Bosak and seconded by Jones to authorize staff to send the responses to the respective agencies. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

B. Call for public hearing for the Water Management Plan  
VLAWMO must hold a public hearing on the final draft of the Water Plan. In order to maintain our schedule for implementation, staff recommends that the hearing be held during the regular Board meeting on June 22, 2016.

Discussion:

It was moved by Prudhon and seconded by Jones to set the date for the Water Plan public hearing to June 22, 2016 as part of the next Board of Directors regular meeting. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

**V. Updates on Joint Powers Agreement and Boundary Change Petition**

Stephanie reported that the JPA has gone out to all the communities. Gem Lake has already acted on it and sent in the signed copy. Four of the other communities have it on their upcoming agendas. Lino Lakes misplaced it and Stephanie has sent them a new copy. We hope it gets on their agenda soon. The boundary change petition has been sent to BWSR. It will go through their process of notification and will hopefully be approved by the end of August.

**VI. Report from the Chair**

Johannsen reported that the new Farmer's Market will begin June 22 and invites everyone to stop there. It will be located in the parking lot area of the Helen Houlde Medical Building.

**VII. Administrator's Report**

Stephanie introduced Nick Voss to the Board. He gave a brief introduction of his education and experience.

**VIII. Director's Reports**

Long stated that the City of North Oaks is preparing a letter to Senators regarding the possible augmentation of the water running through the chain of lakes to provide service to other communities and/or to put into White Bear Lake.

**IX. Next Regular Meeting – June 22, 2016**

**X. Public Comment**

**XI. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Jones to adjourn at 7:24pm. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Kristine Jenson.