

APPROVED
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Hughes, Vice Chair
Scott Thureen, Secretary/Treasurer
Rollie Greeno
Todd Christopherson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Curt Enestvedt, Chair
Greg Helms, Alternate
Paul Below, Alternate

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Williams – Barr Engineering
Cole Birkeland – Campbell Knutson
Curt Coudron – Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District
Daryl Jacobson – BDWMO Administrator
Tammi Carte – BDWMO Secretary

Mike Hughes, Vice Chair, called the July 17, 2024, meeting to order at 5:03pm.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Thureen, second by Christopherson, to approve the July 17, 2024, Agenda as presented.

Ayes – Hughes, Thureen, Greeno, Christopherson
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Approval of Minutes from the May 15, 2024, Meeting

Motion by Christopherson, second by Thureen, to approve the May 15, 2024, Minutes as presented.

Ayes – Hughes, Thureen, Greeno, Christopherson
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Approval of Accounts Payable

Motion by Greeno, second by Thureen, to approve accounts payable to Barr Engineering in the amount of \$11,708.26 for services from April 27, 2024, through June 28, 2024; and, to Campbell Knutson in the amount of \$297.50 for April 2024 general services; and, to Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District in the amount of \$17,460.00 for services from April 2024 through June 2024; and, to League of MN Cities Insurance Trust in the amount of \$2,857.00 for LMCIT Property/Casualty Insurance for the period of July 15, 2024 to July 15 2025.

Ayes – Hughes, Thureen, Greeno, Christopherson

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. Review Budget Performance Reports

Daryl Jacobson, BDWMO Administrator, shared the budget was approved in May and sent to member cities.

No Formal Action Required

V. Approval of Joint Powers Agreement for Water Conservation Campaign

A copy of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Vermillion River JPO for a water conservation campaign was provided to the Commission for review prior to tonight's meeting. The cost to BDWMO is \$7,500. At a previous meeting the Commission was supportive of joining this campaign. This agreement has been reviewed by the Commission's legal counsel.

Daryl met with the group. The campaign in Dakota County will include using social media, videos, and other similar types of methods to inform the public about water conservation.

Motion by Thureen, second by Christopherson, to approve the JPA with Vermillion River JPO.

Ayes – Hughes, Thureen, Greeno, Christopherson

Nays – None

VI. Update on the 2024 Management Level Monitoring on Orchard Lake

Greg Williams, Barr Engineering, provided an update on the monitoring of Orchard Lake. Water level monitoring for 2024 is Orchard Lake. The site has already been tested five times. The quality and test result numbers look great. There is lily pad growth along with growth of other noninvasive plant species. Source control over time should have positive results. With an early spring the 2024 monitoring of the lake started early. Chloride numbers show the need for continued improvement. We can do targeted education but for now monitoring current conditions is the focus. City and County are already applying best practices to improve chloride levels.

No Formal Action Required

VII. Miscellaneous

1. Crystal Beach – water levels are checked every Monday and will continue for a specific period of time. The beach was closed for one day due to unsafe water quality conditions until results returned to normal levels. The beach reopened the next day.
2. Thana Ross – League of Women Voters (LWV) of Dakota County – had a Teams meeting with Daryl Jacobson to review 70 questions about the WMO. The League met with all WMOs reviewing the same questions and will eventually publish the watershed questionnaires.
3. Burnsville / Apple Valley – per a JPA both cities share management of Keller Lake. Milfoil growth has been detected on the lake. A treatment was applied using a new chemical that took a couple weeks to receive. The treatment took place last week but should have been applied a couple weeks earlier. Because of the timing it might take longer to see results. The treatment should provide three years of control. Natural plant reintroduction will continue.
4. The next Black Dog WMO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st.
5. Curt Coudron – The number of Clean Water applications and grants increased. There has been a lot of interest this year.
6. New Commission Alternate – Paul Below has been appointed the new Burnsville Black Dog Commission Alternate. He may not be available to attend meetings initially.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Greeno, second by Christopherson, to adjourn at 5:27pm.

Ayes – Hughes, Thureen, Greeno, Christopherson

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously