



**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
15 May 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, Chaska, Minnesota

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Francis called the regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 May 2013, in the Council Chambers at Chaska City Hall, Chaska, Minnesota.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- a. Managers present: Kent Francis, Yvonne Shirk, Carla Shutrop Len Kremer
- b. Managers absent: None
- c. Also present: Terry Schwalbe, Administrator; Della Young, HDR; Al Dye, MAC; Toni Howell, MAC; Curt Curdorn, Dakota SWCD; Ron Leaf, SEH; Lyndon Robjent, Carver County Engineer

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Adjusted the agenda as follows moved item 9-d to item 8-a and adjusted the items in 8. After discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the Meeting Agenda with the change.  
Vote: ayes 4; nays 0; motion carried.

**4. OPEN FORUM**

None

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

After discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the March, 19,2013 and April 17, 2013 minutes. Vote: ayes 4; nays 0; motion carried.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Schwalbe presented and the board discussed the new format arrived at after meeting with Managers Shirk and President Francis as well as Mary Kaye Wahl and David Frischman of Carver County. The board approved the new format with the following change: removal of the Account Activity Report. After discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report, Payment of Bills and New Reporting format. Vote: ayes 4; nays 0; motion carried.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Strategic Resources Plan, Della Young  
Ms. Young presented the board with a copy of the Final Plan and requested the Manager's review and get back to her with any comments or changes. The board then discussed the list of outstanding bills as presented in the packet. The board would like a letter from Ms. Young detailing the charges. Ms. Young agreed to provide the documentation.
- b. M.A.C. Annual Project Presentation, Al Dye and Toni Howell  
Mr. Dye reviewed the projects as presented on the project map. Schwalbe questioned Mr. Dye on the ownership of the proposed dredge disposal site, he was informed by the U.S. Air Force that they held title to the property but the handout supplied by Mr. Dye indicates M.A.C. owns the property. After a brief discussion the Manager's requested Schwalbe and Dye research the issue. Ms. Howell reported on the environmental operations at the M.A.C. She stated that after some 20 years of work the M.P.C.A. had finally issued a new permit to M.A.C. She also stated that glycol use was up this year but they are still below the M.P.C.A. permit limit . She also stated that due to education and cooperation reported spills are way down and that no spills have reached the Minnesota River. She feels the modification of the ponds and continuing upgrading of infrastructure have had a positive effect.
- c. U.S.G.S. Bed Load Study Presentation, Chris Ellison U.S.G.S.  
Chris Ellison of the U.S.G.S. gave a presentation on the results of the Bed Load Study at Jordan and Ft. commented on the importance of the project.
- d. USACOE, Mr. Tap  
Mr. Tap was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The managers emphasized the importance of having the USACOE at the June 18, 2013 meeting.

## 8. PRESENTATIONS FOR BOARD ACTION

- a. 2012 Financial Audit H.L.B. Tauges, Redpath  
Mark Gibbs reviewed the audit with the managers. The managers would like a footnote added under Note 6 Long Term Debt on page 28 describing the vacation policy and carry over. Mr. Gibbs will have the change made and have the Final Audit ready for the Board to approve at the June 18, 2013 meeting. Mr. Gibbs recommended the that Board consider in future budgeting as to how they are going to fund the deficit that exists in the 9' Channel Fund.
- b. C.R.61 & 101 Land Bridge, Ron Leaf, SEH and Lyndon Robjent, Carver County Engineer  
Mr. Leaf and Mr. Robjent gave power point presentations on the project and notified the Board a EAW would be available for comment within the next week and the board would have time to comment on the EAW. Schwalbe asked if the Board would like to have the EAW sent out for a review by our Engineer's. President Francis stated he felt there was enough knowledge on the Board to make comments. The Board invited the presenters to return with an update on the project in August, 2013.
- c. Dakota County SWCD Monitoring Agreement, Curt Curdorn, Dakota SWCD  
Mr. Curdorn review the contract with the Board. The Board requested Mr. Curdorn to give a the January report would work. After discussion it was moved and seconded to

approve the proposal from Dakota SWCD for monitoring in 2013. Vote: ayes 4; nays 0; motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

2012 Annual Report

Schwalbe stated he was working on the report and should have it ready for approval at the June 18, 2013 meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. \$4,000,000 Dredge Site Bonding Bill

The managers received an email copy of Ron Harnack's update. We should know on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 if we were included in the Bonding Bill. Manager Kremer brought up the subject of how we were going to raise the 50% match if we do receive bonding money. Discussion settled nothing.

b. R.F.P. 14.2 Dredge Site, Schwalbe

Schwalbe presented the Board with the two proposals received from L&S Marine Services and Minnesota Mulch and Soil. After discussion it was recommended to go with the L&S Marine Service Proposal and have Attorney Malkerson and Schwalbe meet with L&S to negotiate a contract. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal from L&S Marine Services and have Malkerson and Schwalbe negotiate a contract for Board approval. Vote: ayes 4; nays 0; motion carried.

c. Dean Lake

The item was tabled until the June 18, 2013 meeting.

11. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

a. Seminary Fen Grant Update

Nothing to report.

b. Meetings attended

Schwalbe reported he attended the following meetings: UMWA, 4/18/13; River Resources Forum, 4/23/13; Highway 101 / 61 Southwest Reconstruction Project, 4/18/13.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS/TOURS/EVENTS

a. UMWA, 5/16/13

b. Savage Fen Work Group

c. Meghan Jackson, PLSLWD

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Vote: ayes 4; nays 0; motion carried.