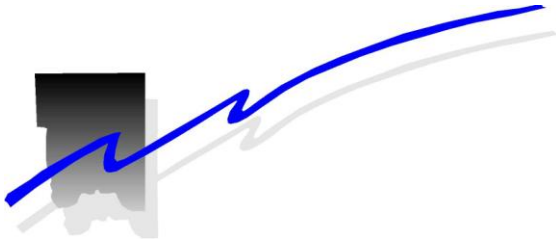


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Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held March 2, 2009.

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Eckman at 10:02 a.m.

A. Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Karen Eckman

Margaret Behrens

Mara Humphrey

Nick Quade

Others present:

Tom Petersen, RCD Staff

Tina Carstens, R-WMWD Permit Program Coordinator

Ann Heyer, RCD Staff

Doug Thomas, RCWD Administrator

Terry Noonan, Ramsey County Public Works

Stephanie McNamara, VLAWMO Administrator

Mark Doneux, CRWD Administrator

II. Presentations: Manager Petersen introduced the five guest speakers who were representing many of the RCD's partners in natural resource conservation. Each of the speakers provided details on their agency's programs and discussed how their programs work with the RCD. Doug Thomas, Administrator for the Rice Creek Watershed District, began the presentations. He highlighted three areas that the watershed and the RCD work together. They were in administering the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), their permit program, and water quality cost-share program. He also informed the Board that for the cost-share program, they allocated \$60,000 in 2009 for each conservation district in their watershed (Anoka, Washington, and Ramsey) and included in that is \$10,000 for administrative and technical assistance. **Action Step: Manager Petersen will be participating on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the RCWD Watershed Plan Update.**

Terry Noonan, Ramsey County Environmental Services Supervisor/Project Manager-Water Resources, began by explaining that Environmental Services budgets funding for projects to be completed by the RCD. He mentioned some examples of the types of projects completed recently by RCD staff, including Rainwater Garden design, GIS support, and an aquatic macrophyte survey. Mr. Noonan also expounded on the other programs in his department, including lake aerations and lake water sampling.

Stephanie McNamara, Administrator for the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO), clarified that they were funded by storm water utility fees. She explained the different ways that they worked with the RCD, including that VLAWMO also administrates WCA. The RCD also completed a Birch Lake Shoreline Study for VLAWMO, photographing areas of high erosion for possible future shoreline restoration work. In 2009 there are plans to have the RCD help with a Lambert Creek Survey. VLAWMO also supports RCD's Native plant Alternative toward Urban Restoration & Environment (NATURE) cost-share program. Ms. McNamara is working on an education and outreach opportunity for the

Governor's fishing opener on White Bear Lake.

Mark Doneux, administrator for the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD), gave a brief history of the CRWD since its establishment in 1998. He highlighted several programs that the RCD assists the CRWD with, including the Stewardship Grant Program that assists residents with cost-share funds to create native rainwater gardens for improving water quality. He also went over the 2009 Service Agreement between the two organizations. Mr. Doneux also explained the Permitting Program and Storm Water Monitoring Program.

Tina Carstens, Permit Program Coordinator with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (R-WMWD), informed the Board of some of the activities and programs of the watershed. The R-WMWD also administers WCA, which includes the district on the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP), as well as enforcement. The watershed is also a partner in the Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) administered by RCD staff. RCD staff works in cooperation with R-WMWD staff in erosion & sediment control on construction sites and the watershed helps fund the RCD's NATURE cost-share program and participated on the Ramsey County Groundwater Plan Update written by RCD staff, which is in the comment phase of completion. The R-WMWD has four impaired lake in its watershed and Ms Carstens explained the plans for improving lake quality.

Supervisor Eckman asked the presenters if they thought there would be a value in having a workshop to educate contractors on the different rules for the Permit Programs that exist in Ramsey County. It was suggested that there was a need for this training for the Public Works directors and permit holders and not just the contractors. Ms. Carstens explained that R-WMWD held a Public Works Forum every other month that not only brought public works directors together, but included contractor education.

Lastly, Mr. Thomas explained to the Board that the budget for the RCWD is established two years in advance, so that it is helpful to know about any new projects well in advance, if the project is requesting financial assistance from the RCWD. Mr. Doneux concurred.

III. The meeting was temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:00p.m.

IV. Meeting called to order at 12:30p.m. by Chair Eckman.

Supervisors Present:

Karen Eckman

Nick Quade

Margaret Behrens

Mara Humphrey

Others Present:

Janice Rettman, Ramsey County Commissioner

Tom Petersen, RCD Staff

V. Interviews of six candidates for appointment to RCD Supervisor Nomination District 4. The Interview Panel consisting of the RCD Supervisors and Commissioner Rettman performed six ½ hour interviews of prospective candidates.

After the interviews were complete, Supervisor Eckman suggested a process for selecting the appointee from the six interviewed candidates. **Resolution 09-03-01.** Supervisor Quade moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the selection process suggested by Supervisor Eckman, for the selection of the appointee.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, and Quade

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

Resolution 09-03-02. Supervisor Quade moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. **Resolved the Board appoints candidate Carrie Wasley to the Ramsey Conservation District Board of Supervisors representing Supervisor Nomination District 4.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, and Quade

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:12 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by

Ann Heyer

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