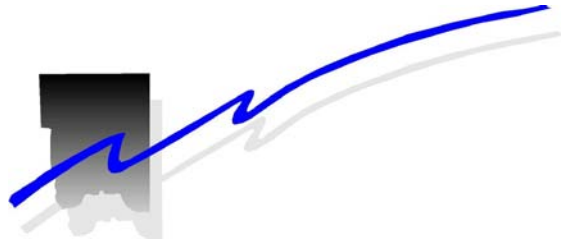


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Minutes of the **Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting** held February 18, 2011.

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Humphrey at 3:00 p.m.

A. Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Carrie Wasley
Mara Humphrey
Margaret Behrens
Gwen Willems
Janelle Anderson

Others present:

Ann WhiteEagle, RCD Staff
Ryan Johnson, RCD Staff
John Manske, Ramsey County Public Works/Environmental
Seitu Jones, CRWD Board of Managers

- B. Review of Agenda: **Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded** to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Update on the U.S. Geological Survey Groundwater/Surface Water Interactions Proposal: John Manske from the Ramsey County Public Works Environmental Department presented an overview of the USGS proposal for studying declining lake levels on White Bear Lake at the request of the RCD Board. He stated that water level fluctuations are to be expected for White Bear Lake, but the water level is the lowest in 100 years. He explained that in the past, groundwater was added to the lake to increase water levels, but that practice is no longer allowed. The study would not fix the problem, but it would focus on identifying the causes of the declining lake levels and that the USGS is looking for funding for the \$200,000 study. Supervisor Behrens suggested that the RCD could provide in-kind technical assistance, but not financial assistance. Mr. Manske said that the USGS was requesting funding and would probably not accept in-kind technical assistance.

- A. Approval of Standing Reports

Secretary's Report – **Motion by Supervisor Behrens, Supervisor Willems seconded** to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Treasury Report – Ann commented that the final detailed 4th quarter Treasury Report would be presented at the March board meeting, but that the RCD fund balance should be 77K to begin 2011. **Motion by Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Willems seconded** to approve the Abbreviated 4th quarter 2010 Treasury Report. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff Reports: The Board was sent a written report, prior to the meeting, on the staff activities since the last board meeting. Ryan gave a presentation on the 2010 BMP activity, along with before and after pictures of different shoreline restoration projects. He also showed a timeline from 2002 to the present of the revenue generated by the program, which demonstrated a significant and consistent increase over the years.

Supervisor Wasley arrived at 3:30pm.

5. Action Items

A. Strategic Planning Update: Supervisor Behrens distributed a packet with different marketing ideas for the Board to consider, such as a newsletter, Facebook page, and writing articles for various local newspapers. She also recommended use of the RCD blue and green logo and including “professional” with regards to the staff. The Board will revisit the ideas and decide how to prioritize the efforts.

Supervisor Wasley updated the Board on the feedback from Ramsey County attorney regarding the recently updated Employee Handbook. It was reported that the attorney suggested that the handbook could be simplified because the RCD has such a small staff and further suggested that the Board prioritize what they wanted to communicate to staff and focus the handbook on those items. **Action Step:** Ann will send the Board an electronic copy with the attorney comments.

B. City of Shoreview PSA: The City of Shoreview has renewed their professional services agreement with the RCD for 2011 for up to \$6,500. **Resolution 11-02-01.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the Board authorized the Chair to sign the 2011 Professional Services Agreement with the City of Shoreview for erosion control inspection services.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

C. RWMWD 2011 PSA: The Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District has renewed their professional services agreement with the RCD for 2011 for up to \$12,000, which pays the RCD for designing raingardens and shoreline restoration projects, providing technical assistance to homeowners in capturing storm water, and making presentations at workshops on how native plantings create clean water. **Resolution 11-02-02.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Anderson seconded. Resolved the Board authorized the Chair to sign the 2011 Professional Services Agreement with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

D. RCWD 2011 PSA: The Rice Creek Watershed District has renewed their professional services agreement with the RCD for 2011 for up to \$10,000, for the Water Quality BMP Cost Share Program. **Resolution 11-02-03.** Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the Board authorized the Chair to sign the 2011 Professional Services Agreement with the Rice Creek Watershed District.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

E. 2011 RCD Annual Plan & 2010 Annual Report: The Board had minor revisions to the Annual Plan, including changing the color of the logo. Supervisor Humphrey suggested sending it to the Ramsey County Board, along with other partners. Action Step: Ann will get bids on printing color copies of the plan for distribution. **Resolution 11-02-04.** Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Anderson seconded. Resolved the Board approved the 2011 RCD Annual Plan & 2010 Annual Report and authorized submission to BWSR.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

F. MASWCD Day at the Capitol (Feb 28-March1): **Resolution 11-02-05.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Anderson seconded. Resolved the Board approved Supervisor Behrens and Willems attending the 2011 MASWCD Day at the Capitol event.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

G. Dues payments for RCLLG and WBL: **Resolution 11-02-06.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the Board approved payment of 2011 membership/dues for \$125 for the Ramsey County League of Local Governments and \$992.72 to the City of White Bear Lake for the Ramsey County user group.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

H. Living Green Expo (May 7-8): Ann informed the Board that she has asked the metro Soil and Water Conservation Districts if they would like to collectively have a booth at the expo, as they did in 2010. She has only heard back from three districts and they declined. Supervisor Humphrey asked if the metro Watershed Districts might want to **Resolution 11-02-07.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Anderson seconded. Resolved the Board approved payment of \$450 for exhibiting at the 2011 Living Green Expo.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

I. VLAWMO 2011 PSA: The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization has renewed their professional services agreement with the RCD for 2011 for up to \$5,000, for the technical assistance for the Stewardship Program. **Resolution 11-02-08.** Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the Board authorized the Chair to sign the 2011 Professional Services Agreement with the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Anderson, Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

6. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Metro Conservation District (MCD)
- B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee
- C. Watershed Advisory Commission (RWMWD Advisory Committee)
- D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee
- E. Legislative Committee – Committee of the whole
- F. RCCLG
- G. VLAWMO

7. Next Regular Meeting Date – The next meeting date was changed to Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 3:00p.m. The alternate date of March 24th was also selected.

8. Adjournment: Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:00p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by
Ann WhiteEagle