

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their regular meeting on, Monday, September 25, 2023, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough.

Board Members Absent: Patrick Parker

Staff Present: Justine Dauphinais, Dawn Doering, Corinne Elfelt, Tim Kelly, Michelle Ulrich

Staff Present via Zoom: Erik Bye, Dawn Doering, Erin Edison, Jon Janke

Others:

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Board Member Campbell moved to Approve the Agenda. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

3. Announcements: Administrator Kelly announced that the District is now back to full staff with the additions of Kailee Hasbrook (Watershed Development Specialist), Bobbie Law (Administrative Assistant) and Jessica Lindemyer (Engagement Coordinator).

4. Open Mic/Public Comment: No one present for comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2023

6. Approval of Bills: Claims totaling \$266,058.67 on the following disbursement list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

September 25, 2023	
To	Amount
Anoka County	128,399.25
Centerpoint Energy	2,924.49
City of Coon Rapids	27,500.00
City of Spring Lake Park	2,840.80
ECM Publishers	580.80
Frontier Precision	2,110.50
JP Brooks Builders	216.43
Justin Guenther	1,834.75
League of MN Cities	2,221.00
Metro Inet	4,498.00
National Sports Center	37,245.40
Respec	11,236.25
RMB Environmental Labs	1,082.00
Stantec Consulting Services	38,106.55
USGS	4,135.50
Well Groomed Lawns	1,126.95
	266,058.67

Board Member Lind moved to Approve the Consent Agenda Items seconded by Board Member Campbell. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

POLICY ITEMS

7. Petition Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to Extend Current Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

As outlined in the staff report, Administrator Kelly, highlighted that to be eligible for the BWSR Clear Water Fund grant requested for the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park project, the District's Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan needs to be current. CCWD's Plan has been considered expired by BWSR since August 29, 2023. While staff continues the process the updating the Plan, the proposed one-year extension of the Plan would make the District eligible for grant funding for District projects and provide additional time to complete the 2024-2033 Watershed Management Plan.

Staff recommendation is to approve Resolution 2023-04 TO EXTEND THE COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN until August 29, 2024, as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, §103B.231, of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act, requires metropolitan watershed districts to develop and adopt a watershed management plan, and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2013, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources by order approved the Coon Creek Watershed District's Watershed Management Plan dated 2013- 2023, and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2013, the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers by resolution adopted the Coon Creek Watershed District's Watershed Management Plan dated 2013- 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District is in the process of updating the watershed management plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District is currently revising its watershed management plan prior to formal review and approval, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District and key partners have experienced changes affecting the timeline of the watershed management plan update, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District assures continued effort toward completion of the watershed management plan update, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District has identified a high priority time sensitive water quality project consistent with the watershed management plan that requires competitive grant funding to effectively implement, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Policy requires watershed districts to be working under a current State approved and locally adopted watershed management plan to be an eligible applicant for competitive grants, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.3367;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current Coon Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan until August 29, 2024, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231.

Board Member McCullough moved to Adopt Resolution 2023-04 To Extend The Coon Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan seconded by Board Member Hafner. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

8. District Bylaws Adoption

Administrator Kelly explained the purpose of this item is to adopt bylaws to guide the District in the administration of its business practices as well as meet a statutory requirement. The applicable statute provides that the watershed district adopt bylaws for its internal business administration. The Legislature has also made clear the "bylaws" are not considered "rules" that are subject to the more formal regulatory rule requirements and adoption under Minnesota Statutes section 103D.341. Kelly stated the bylaws were reviewed by the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on September 13, 2023. The CAC was supportive of the drafted bylaws.

Staff recommendation is to approve the Coon Creek Watershed District Bylaws as presented.

Board Member Campbell moved to Approve the Bylaws as Presented, seconded by Board Member Lind. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

PERMIT ITEMS- none

DISCUSSION ITEMS - none

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Star Tribune Article – Blaine/Lexington Water Issue

Article reviews Blaine and Lexington shared water system and issues they are having. Board should be aware that trends indicate there may be an increase in jurisdictional issues with water in the future that may have to be dealt with.

10. Minnesota Regulations on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Article highlights Minnesota regulations changes dealing with PFAS. Also noted that this is a national issue, the great cost of cleaning up and consequences of not doing so are significant and complicated.

ADJOURN

Board Member McCullough moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. seconded by Board Member Campbell. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.



President