

# EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING October 20, 2020

The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Board of Managers (Board) met virtually via Zoom due to the State guidance for meetings during the pandemic.

### **Board Managers Present:**

Joe Reymann, Chair	Appointed by City of Eagan
Sarah Saito	Appointed by City of Inver Grove Heights
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Appointed by City of Eagan
Monica Foss	Appointed by City of Eagan

### **Others Present:**

Ashley Gallagher	Resource Conservationist, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
Steve Dodge	Assistant City Engineer, City of Inver Grove Heights
Eric Macbeth	Water Resources Manager, City of Eagan

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Reymann called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **II. Adopt Agenda**

**Motion by** Reymann, second by Workman-Jesness to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

<b>Manager</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Monica Foss	Yes

### **III. Approve Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes of August 18, 2020 Meeting
- B. October 20, 2020 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

**Motion by** Reymann, second by Foss to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

<b>Manager</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Monica Foss	Yes

### **IV. Watershed Based Implementation Funding**

The group for the Metro Lower MN River South continues to meet. They have developed ranking criteria. The next step is for projects to be submitted and ranked by entities. This topic ties into the Watershed Plan Amendment topic because projects are only eligible for the metro WBIF if they are referenced in the

Implementation Section of the Plan. Administrator would like to submit an education project to the Metro Lower MN WBIF, however if the Implementation Plan reference is not there, it would not move forward.

Melissa King, Board Conservationist from the Board of Water and Soil Resources presented on the WBIF policy and what a minor Plan amendment would involve. It was noted that the Education and Outreach Plan the E-IGHWMO does every three years in accordance with the Plan is considered part of the Implementation section of the Plan.

**V. Watershed Plan Amendments**

There was discussion on whether to proceed with a minor plan amendment or not. Process is fairly simple and making changes now would put the E-IGHWMO in a better place for future WBIF. Eagan’s CIP was reviewed, it is anticipated that projects would be lumped by type. Releasing for 30-day comment period now would allow for the Board to then adopt the changed Plan at the December meeting.

**Motion by** Saito, second by Reymann to proceed with a minor Plan amendment by adding CIP to the Implementation section and releasing for the 30-day comment period. Motion carried.

<b>Manager</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Monica Foss	Yes

**VI. Workplan with SWCD for 2021**

Workplan is very similar to last year. There is no increase in rates or hours. Money was shifted for the website redesign costs, which was previously approved by the Board. Upon approval by the E-IGHWMO Board, workplan will go to the SWCD Board and then a Joint Powers Agreement will be prepared.

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Foss to approve the 2021 workplan with the SWCD and authorize the chair to sign the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried.

<b>Manager</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Monica Foss	Yes

**VII. Volunteer Clean-up Ideas**

Discussion from last meeting continued. Would like to find motivated individuals that would take on crafting and sending out a local lake electronic newsletter. Eagan had planned to have virtual meetings hosted by contractor in conjunction with aluminum sulfate treatment lakes. Timelines of contract did not work out; postcard was sent to residents, but no virtual meetings were held. Continue to think about opportunities and ways to do a volunteer clean-up in 2021.

**VIII. Landscaping for Clean Water Update**

Season is wrapping up; it is anticipated that E-IGHWMO will have 8 completed projects. Next year will likely have a virtual format as well. Thankful that we've been able to continue the program in light of covid19.

**IX. Website Redesign Update**

Templates are being developed for the SWCD and the WMOs. The web designer would like to secure domain addresses for the WMOs. Format proposed for E-IGHWMO that matches the others is [www.eagan-invergroveheightswmo.org](http://www.eagan-invergroveheightswmo.org). There were no objections to the proposed domain address. Gallagher will direct the web designer to secure the domain address.

**X. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates**

Freshwater has changed the program name. The word 'Master' has been replaced with 'Minnesota'. Reymann completed online lawn care courses. Foss planted a bee friendly lawn using two different methods. She will report back on how the clean slate planting versus the interseeded planting take hold in the spring.

**XI. Community Updates**

City of Eagan has 3 applicants for the next MWS season. Work continues on the aluminum sulfate treatment building and pre-treatment water sampling will be added. Salt storage ordinance is being revised. City may wait to finalize until their new MS4 permit. The water quality monitoring season has wrapped up, aeration will be starting. The contractor completed 4 aluminum sulfate applications in a little over a week. City is contracting with Barr Engineering for development of interpretative signage at City Hall and Cascade Bay for the new stormwater practices installed.

Inver Grove Heights has installed hydro-dynamic separators during a road reconstruction project. These structures help capture sediment and debris and keep nearby waters cleaner. The hydro-dynamic separators are then periodically cleaned out. City is installing raingardens in conjunction with a road resurfacing project. Looking at Psig funding for future projects in the Mississippi River Watershed. Terms and appointments for E-IGHWMO managers representing IGH will be up to date, Lencowski's term is finalized, Saito has re-applied and application will go to November City Council meeting.

**XII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Volunteer ideas
- Plan amendment
- Website
- WBIF

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Manager	Vote
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Monica Foss	Yes