

EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING December 8, 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
Sharon Lencowski	Appointed by City of Inver Grove Heights
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
Ralph Schnorr	Citizen

I. Call to Order

Chair Reymann called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Reymann, second by Workman-Jesness to approve the agenda with addition of WMO Shirts.
Motion carried.

Manager	Vote
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Sharon Lencowski	Yes
Monica Foss	Not present

III. Public Hearing for Watershed Plan Amendment

Chair Reymann opened the comment period. Hearing none, the comment period was closed.

IV. Approve Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of October 20, 2020 Meeting
- B. Invoice for Payment
- C. December 8, 2020 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Manager	Vote
Joe Reymann	Yes
Sarah Saito	Yes
Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Yes
Sharon Lencowski	Yes
Monica Foss	Not Present

V. Community Report - Inver Grove Heights

Steve Dodge asked to give report now, as he had to leave the E-IGHWMO meeting early to attend another meeting. The City received two applications for the posted Board position. Appointment goes to City Council for a decision on December 15th. Staff recommendation is to re-appoint Sarah Saito and suggest that the other applicant could consider LMRWMO. Stormwater management programs and CIP continues, and multiple projects are wrapping up. City will be working on a new application to the MPCA for 5-year MS4 permit.

At 5:45 Steve Dodge left the meeting and Monica Foss joined the meeting.

VI. Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF)

E-IGHWMO has an existing WBIF grant. Four projects were planned with this grant, two with Dakota County in Lebanon Hills Regional Park and two with the City of Eagan. The Schulze Lake project has received one dose of aluminum sulfate for phosphorus, with a second planned for the spring 2021. The Holland Lake Channel Stabilization project is complete. Paperwork is now being gathered to process a payment in 2021. The Eagan Le May Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filter was installed last year, and payment was made. The Carlson Lake project is still under review. The City has a consultant assessing the most cost-effective projects for phosphorus removal. The grant project for underground treatment may or may not rise to the top. Administrator and Eric Macbeth will discuss options after the consultant has completed their review.

Administrator has been participating with the Lower MN River group for the next round of WBIF. Group had previously finalized criteria on ranking. Projects were then submitted. E-IGHWMO did not submit any projects. More funds requested than were available. Final project list will go to BWSR for eligibility review.

VII. Watershed Plan Amendments

During the 30-day comment period the following review authorities responded:

- Dakota County – No comments
- Metropolitan Council- No comments
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture – No comments
- Dakota County SWCD- No comments
- City of Eagan- Minor edits

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to adopt the Plan amendment as presented. Motion carried.

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

VIII. Landscaping for Clean Water 2020 Summary

The program summary was included in the meeting packet as well as factsheets for each individual project completed this year. A total of eight projects were done in the E-IGH watershed. Board members expressed their thanks and like the factsheets, especially the before and after photos. Administrator mentioned that the SWCD is starting to plan for 2021 and LCW will likely be all virtual. If in person events were to be planned, there is the risk of having no place to meet, as many public buildings remain closed.

IX. Meeting Schedule for 2021

Schedule was included in the meeting packet, there were no comments. Schedule will be posted.

Motion by Reymann, second by Foss to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. Motion carried.

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

X. Website Redesign Update

Consultant is currently working on the SWCD wireframe, but in doing so is also developing the WMO wireframes. There is no product to show the E-IGHWMO Board at this point. It is anticipated that a website will be available for review at the February E-IGHWMO meeting.

XI. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

No reports from Water Stewards.

XII. Community Updates

Steve Dodge gave report for Inver Grove Heights at the beginning of the meeting.

Eric Macbeth provided a report for the City of Eagan. City originally received 3 applications for the next round of Water Stewards. However, after discussing with individuals they dropped their applications either due to the Cities request for earnest payment or the time commitment. Update to the Fish Lake building is complete. Pond maintenance projects from 2019 and 2020 are wrapping up. City will be submitting a new MS4 permit application to the MPCA for 2020-2025 permit. The deadline to submit to MPCA is in April 2021. Winter aeration program will start at some point. City has ability to aerate up to 13 lakes. Alum applications may have improved some lakes enough that they will not need aeration now. Municipal area stormwater BMP educational signage is still being developed.

Foss mentioned that Lebanon Hills Regional Park is currently working on scheduling programing for next summer. Curious if the Board thought there might be opportunities for collaboration or providing programs. Board would have to reach out and offer services. There is some coordination between the SWCD's LCW program and parks. Something to keep in mind for programing as collaborating reduces need to create new or promote on your own. On idea was to have an Environmental Opportunity Fair. This could be an event where different programs, such as E-IGHWMO opportunities, LCW or citizen science projects, get together for a tabling or quick presentation event.

XIII. E-IGHWMO Shirts

The idea for WMO shirts or some form of recognition for Board members when they are events was discussed. Name badges, aprons, or vests were all mentioned as other options. Administrator will gather options for the February meeting. Could be option to allow each member to spend up to a certain amount, or just do one standard order.

XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Rain barrels
- Neighborhood lake cleanup
- Municipal BMP education update
- Plan adoption
- WBIF payments
- Website
- Apparel options

XV. Adjournment

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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