

# EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING April 20, 2021

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

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

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

### **II. Adopt Agenda**

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

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

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

- A. Minutes of February 16, 2021 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. April 21, 2021 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, 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
Sharon Lencowski	Yes
Monica Foss	Yes

#### IV. CLIMB Theatre

The Board reviewed the proposal from CLIMB Theatre. Proposal is similar to previous years, with focus on presenting the Wetland and Watershed Stewardship program to grades K-2. Proposal also includes farmers markets stations once a month in summer of 2022 and 2023. This is a two-year proposal. There were questions on what '5 schools per year' means. Is it all grades, all classrooms? This could be difficult to bring them all together with covid concerns. Ask CLIMB for clarification on covid protocol, virtual options, grades reached and add reporting requirements into proposal. Board supports the proposal but will revisit in June after clarification is received from CLIMB.

#### V. Website Redesign Review

Gallagher presented the new website. The switch to the new website only has not occurred yet. Gallagher has minor edits to submit to the developer. Comments from Board were:

- Huge organizational improvement
- Add 'Events' or similar title to the 'Get Involved' page to describe WMO participation in Home and Garden Show, Farmers Markets, Eagan Fishing Events etc.
- Add library bags somewhere, possibly 'Projects' or 'Get Involved'.
- Yard best practices list was developed last year. WMO could revisit and finalize this. This could be posted at a later date. Gallagher and other SWCD staff will have ability to edit the website.
- Adopt-a-drain link should be changed to City of Eagan program.

#### VI. Educational Signage for Stormwater Practices

Foss and Reymann attended a meeting with City of Eagan staff and consultants to review draft signage. Language and edits were going to be made, then the group will meet again.

#### VII. Smart Salting

The design was re-worked based upon comments from the last Board meeting. Only edit is to add 'reuse' to the sweep image, and then ensure the QR code goes to the correct E-IGHWMO webpage. Most WMO outreach is done during the summer, will people forget about the cups? Suggested to instruct them to place with salt for next winter. Idea to distribute cups and posters to stores where salt is sold. MWS could help with this effort as well and obtain volunteer hours. In preparation, Board members could have conversations with stores now. Decision for color of cup is the Blue as presented. Ensure message that salt pollution doesn't go away is on the E-IGHWMO website.

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Reymann to approve up to \$500 for smart salting cups and posters. Motion carried.

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

#### VIII. Rain Barrels

Timeline is a little later than in years past. This is okay but the goal should be distribution by June. Other details of program that were discussed:

- Decals- not necessary to place on barrel, could just include in the packet of materials.

- Storage- Could occur at the store, but IGH could store if needed. Storage at Eagan was difficult primarily because of time needed to transport to the store. The two pallets would take up roughly 5ft by 10ft space.
- Promotion- There are fewer events to promote at than last time, such as no Home and Garden Show program. Place articles in member city newsletter/media/etc.
- Amount- Discussion on only ordering one pallet, however the discount was due to ordering more. Stick with two pallets of rain barrels, 66 total.

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Foss to approve up to \$5,000 for rain barrel program and publish notice for request for proposals for a local partner. Motion carried.

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

#### IX. Clean-up Day

Workman-Jesness has been coordinating with the Gromesch family for a clean-up around Bald Lake on June 12<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon. She will send out a notice of meeting location and will promote on Next Door. Gromesch family has also promoted in their neighborhood. Plan is to have individuals take bags of garbage with them for disposal. City of Eagan could provide pick-up and disposal if needed.

#### X. Apparel

A number of options were presented, Board should think about how/when they intend to use the vests. Will be primarily at tabling events, some outdoor events like clean-ups. Preference was for option #4 in blue. Vests will be held with E-IGHWMO not individuals, but if there is a size preference, message Gallagher.

**Motion by** Reymann, second by Workman-Jesness to approve up to \$400 for 10 blue vests in various sizes. Motion carried.

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

#### XI. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

Reymann participated in the educational signage for stormwater practices meeting. No other updates.

#### XII. Community Updates

Eagan: An underground storage stormwater practice will be installed in Eagandale, north of Lone Oak Road that will improve Le May lake water quality. Similar project being finalized for drainage to Carlson Lake. City

is hosting a drive-thru Big Rig event on May 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30. They will have three summer hires. City submitted an updated MS4 permit to MPCA.

Inver Grove Heights: Also submitted MS4 permit update to MPCA. Relates to a lot of TMDL work the City of IGH has done, especially in the NW Corner development. City will have two interns, that will have some time dedicated to stormwater, especially on updating their 'as-built' program.

**XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- CLIMB Theatre
- Rain barrels
- Clean-up
- Smart Salting Cups
- Website

**XIV. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Reymann to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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