

EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING June 15, 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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adopt Agenda

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

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

III. Approve Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of April 21, 2021 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. June 15, 2021 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Lencowski 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

IV. Carlson Lake Project

Macbeth had provided an update to Gallagher prior to the meeting. The project will be going out for bid and the City is working to select a contractor by August. Construction and processing bills may still go into 2021. Gallagher will work with BWSR Board Conservationist to see if the grant deadline can be extended past the current December 31, 2021 deadline.

V. CLIMB Theatre

CLIMB Theatre updated the proposal with some clarifying language. The Board supported the proposal but did not want any of the additional options.

Motion by Reymann, second by Workman-Jesness to enter into an agreement with CLIMB Theatre for the worked proposed and allow the chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

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

Foss joined the meeting.

VI. Rain Barrels

Hardware Hank was only business to respond to the posted request. Reymann spoke with Allan of Hardware Hank on providing an option for purchasing a diverter kit. Option is similar to last time however, the Fiskars diverter is not made anymore. The Earth Wizard diverter kit was suggested as a good option. Reymann will coordinate with Allan and get his signature on agreement, check for \$1,105.50 and cost of option with diverter kit. Gallagher will update the online form with Option 1 and Option 2. She will also reach out to City of Eagan list of people registered for rain barrel class last year and previous purchasers. Keep a limit of 2 per household to discourage resale for profit. Distribution event will take place on a Saturday morning. If it works with distributor, July 24th works for the Board. Gallagher will gather materials for packets and they will be stuffed the same morning.

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Foss to enter into an agreement with Hardware Hank for the rain barrel distribution program.

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

VII. Smart Salting

Last meeting the Board decided on the design for the 12 oz cup and discussed distribution at local stores selling salt in the winter. Examples of signs were included in the packet. Gallagher will create a sign similar to these for hanging at stores by the salt. Its likely that around 7 stores may participate. Cups could be placed in a dispenser for distribution as well.

VIII. Educational Signage for Stormwater Practices

Only had one meeting so far which included the consultant, city staff as well as Joe and Monica representing the WMO. The first versions were very text heavy. The group is looking for more graphics and less jargon. Still awaiting a second draft of the signs. City of Eagan expressed interest in having the WMO cover some costs of the signs, and in turn could have logo placed on the sign. They will determine costs and make a request to the WMO at a later date.

IX. Clean-up Day

Workmann-Jesness organized a clean-up on Bald Lake. The event was posted on multiple social media outlets and had good response. The day of the event was extremely hot and likely affected turnout. The Grommesch family was still there to help clean-up. Future clean-ups may be better early in the spring or in the fall. Garbage pickers would be helpful for reaching into the water. Promoting with high schools could help students get service hours. Next potential location could be O'Leary Lake. Jennifer knows some people on this lake. Could also hang signs at the apartment buildings that are on the lake. If there are kiosks at parks could hang signs there as well. Would also be wise to utilize City of Eagan communications department to spread the word.

X. Apparel

The company helped select a high quality but within our budget vest. They were delivered to the SWCD office. Gallagher will work on getting them to the City of Eagan where they can be stored with the E-IGHWMO outreach bin.

XI. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

Many water stewards have not been able to get their required hours over the past year. Reymann will follow-up with Freshwater to see if there is some leeway due to pandemic. Was discussed that time with the WWMO could also count as hours. Some MWS have weeded city stormwater projects in the past. Would be good to see if the city has a list of projects that currently need maintenance.

XII. Community Updates

IGH stormwater staff has been full-time for awhile now and is doing great work. IGH is working on their developer agreements and infiltration requirements. Requirements in the Northwest Corner of IGH are higher than most. In this area 2.6 inches of rainfall must be infiltrated compared to the usual 1 inch. There is development occurring along the border and the two cities continue to work together on stormwater management.

XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Meet in person, Gallagher will coordinate location and meeting space.

- Rain barrels
- Education & Outreach Plan
- Fall Clean-up Day
- MWS updates
- Smart salting
- Signage and budget

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Lencowski, second by Foss to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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