

# EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING December 7, 2021

The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Board of Managers (Board) met at the Eagan Maintenance Facility, 3501 Coachman Point, Eagan, MN 55122

### **Board Managers Present:**

Joe Reymann, Chair	Appointed by City of Eagan
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 (virtually)
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** Reymann, second by Workman-Jesness to approve the agenda with the addition of February meeting change, communication staff updates and rainbarrels. Motion carried.

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

- A. Minutes of October 19, 2021 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. December 7, 2021 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

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

### **IV. Review 2022-2024 Education & Outreach Plan**

Updates were made based upon the discussion at the last meeting. Items remaining for discussion are the certifications/water checklist and the buffer brochure. It was decided to remove the buffer brochure as this gets into easements and requirements. Details on water certification/checklist discussion to occur later in agenda and will help with details.

### **V. Planning for Smart Salting Program**

Cups and signs were brought to the meeting and will be divided among the Managers for distribution at stores where salt is sold. Stores include Hardware Hank, Costco, Ace on Cliff, Target, and Home Depot. If any store is unwilling to display, many gas stations also sell salt.

### **VI. Review Water Checklist and Certification**

A few options and ideas were presented. Discussion focused on a tiered approach or keeping the list general. Tiered provides more incentive, however a X out of X type of approach is simpler. Need to think about longevity of program, and workload if there were no volunteers to assist. Agree there should be a

sign for those that meet requirements. An online option was brought up, would be easy to share via city social media. This could ease workload and people could opt in or out of a sign. Direct mailing would be nice, but expensive and often many incorrect addresses. A possible name is Watershed Stars. Those receiving awards/sign could have name published in city newsletters. Minor tweak in list, would be to use positive wording for all. Administrator will develop a prototype online checklist. Keep paper version, possibly with edits, as it would be a good handout for tabling events. Continue to discuss at the next meeting.

**VII. Update on Educational Signage for Eagan Stormwater Practices**

Signs are in final stage of development. Staff walked the city hall complex to select physical locations for signs. It was asked if WMO is willing to contribute financially to the signs. Board supports contributing but needs to know the actual cost and amount requested. Macbeth will get estimates for the next meeting. E-IGHWMO logo will be included on the signs.

**VIII. Update on CLIMB Theatre in Schools**

Contact at CLIMB left so we have a new contact person. They have not reported their progress. Workman-Jesness reported that CLIMB was at her children's school. Administrator will continue to work with CLIMB for a report as work progresses.

**IX. Review 2021 Landscaping for Clean Water Program Results**

Program summary and factsheets of all projects within the WMO were included in the meeting packet. Six projects were completed within the WMO this season. Managers liked the factsheets, especially nice to see the actual project costs as this helps people understand the level of commitment.

**X. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates**

No updates. Earlier discussion was that WMO and City would like the current MWS to stay engaged.

**XI. February Meeting**

Reymann will not be able to attend the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and proposed moving it up to the 8<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Reymann to move the February meeting to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**XII. Communication Staff at Cities**

Reymann and Saito reached out to communications staff at both cities. Eagan has published many water related articles but nothing specific to the WMO. Unsure if there is an opportunity to partner. IGH would like WMO to submit water articles to be published in their Insights newsletter. They also place the WMO meetings on their calendar of meetings. IGH mentioned that meeting with council every other year allows for open communication and brings water to the forefront of the discussion. Continue to coordinate with cities and submit articles to their communications staff.

**XIII. Rainbarrel Updates**

Hardware Hank has 26 rain barrels in storage. They would like to have another distribution event in the spring of 2022. They are also interested 66 more rain barrels in 2023. If Home and Garden show occurs, Eagan willing to coordinate and have promotion of rain barrels. Discuss promotion and details at next meeting.

**XIV. Community Updates**

Eagan: The updated JPA for the BWSR grant for the Carlson Lake project has been executed. Carlson Lake project still on schedule for spring 2022. Eagan and SWCD will work on details of records retention switch. Carlson project may be good opportunity to host a neighborhood meeting in late winter. Bur Oaks will

receive alum application in 2022 and would be another idea for neighborhood meeting. There were questions on the previously installed Iron Enhanced Sand Filter (IESF). Research shows effectiveness but there is no monitoring equipment installed on this practice. Trends in lake monitoring will eventually show results. The IESF is treating in-flow and loading while the alum application addresses phosphorus already in the lake. Le May Lake project is 'on-line' and staff and consultant are working on maintenance schedule.

IGH: New position for a water resources staff, not just within maintenance, is awaiting council approval. Work continues in the NW area to protect glacial 'dry' basins so they are able to keep infiltrating water.

**XV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Rainbarrels spring distribution
- Cleanup day/earth day
- Water checklist (Watershed Stars)
- Eagan BMP Signage
- Annual Reporting, Year-end, etc

**XVI. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Foss to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.