



Eagan - Inver Grove Heights

Watershed Management Organization

AGENDA

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

April 19th, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

**Inver Grove Heights City Hall
8150 Barbara Ave
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Consent Agenda (*Acted with one motion unless a manager requests an item be discussed*)
 - A. Minutes of February 8, 2022 Meeting*
 - B. Invoices for Payment*
 - C. April 19, 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Summary*
- IV. Metropolitan Council Priority Waters List Review*
- V. Metro Watershed Based Implementation Funding Brainstorm
- VI. Rain Barrels Distribution Planning
- VII. Bur Oaks Clean-up Day Planning
- VIII. Water Checklist (Watershed Stars) Planning
- IX. Eagan BMP Signage Updates
- X. We Are Water Exhibit Updates
- XI. Salt Cup Check-in
- XII. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates
- XIII. Community Updates
- XIV. Agenda Items for June 21, 2022 Meeting
- XV. Adjournment

* Materials included in packet

EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

DRAFT MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING February 8, 2022

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:

Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Appointed by City of Eagan
Monica Foss	Appointed by City of Eagan
Sarah Saito	Appointed by City of Inver Grove Heights
Sharon Lencowski	Appointed by City of Inver Grove Heights

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

Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Election of Officers

Administrator opened nominations for Chair. Lencowski nominated Foss for Chair. Administrator called for nominations other nominations, there were none. **Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Foss for Chair. Motion carried.

Open nominations for Vice Chair. Workman-Jesness nominated Saito for Vice Chair. Called for other nominations, there were none. **Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Lencowski to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Saito for Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Open nominations for Treasurer/Secretary. Lencowski nominated Workman-Jesness for Treasurer/Secretary. Called for other nominations, there were none. **Motion by** Saito, second by Foss to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Workman-Jesness for Treasurer/Secretary. Motion carried.

IV. Approve Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of December 7, 2021 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. Year-end Financial Summary
- D. February 8, 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

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

V. Convene Process for Metro Watershed Based Implementation Funding

Gallagher provided overview of the information provided in the meeting packet. This is now the third round of watershed based funding, but the process has changed each time. This time the Watershed Planning Area (WPA) is the same as the WMO boundaries. The WPA is allocated the minimum amount of \$75,000. Eligible plans are the WMO Plan, County Groundwater and potentially SWCD Plan. Convene process brings together partners to develop list of projects. Last round the WMO Board approved Administrator to vote in this process. Administrator would communicate proposed projects with WMO.

Motion by Foss, second by Workman-Jesness to have the Administrator vote on behalf of the WMO during convene meetings. Motion carried.

VI. Smart Salting Outreach Updates

Unable to place sign and cups at Costco, however the following businesses have hung a sign and distributed cups: Ace Hardware, Cub Foods, Walmart, Home Depot and Hardware Hank. Gallagher and Foss will distribute more cups to those businesses. City of Eagan is also able to utilize and distribute cups. Difficult to track behavior change from this program but should continue to think about tracking. WMO may consider doing this program again next winter.

VII. Rain Barrels Spring Distribution Planning

Reymann had previously taken the lead on coordination with Hardware Hank. Gallagher will check-in with them about a spring distribution event for the remaining 26 barrels. WMO will again have a pre-sale order form online. If there is a Home and Garden Show, this would be a good opportunity to promote the rain barrel sale.

VIII. Clean-up/Earth Day Planning

Earth Day may be too early in the year and too busy. Goal is to tackle one lake at a time, as multiple at one time would spread the group too thin. Burr Oaks was proposed as this year's clean up event that could also be a memorial event for Joe Reymann. His birthday was May 14th, which is a Saturday. Board selected this day for the clean-up. Workman-Jesness will coordinate promotion of the event with City of Eagan communications staff. Trach pickers can be borrowed from the City of Eagan, so there should be no materials needed.

IX. Water Checklist (Watershed Stars) Planning

Discussion as to whether the list is more of an ideas list or an actual certification. Could add two questions at the end of the online survey 1) if they would like a follow-up visit with a Minnesota Water Steward and 2) if they would like a sign to place in their yard. Could have a focus group or poll others on their ideas. Sometimes its best to just get started, Bald Lake may be good starting area due to current active residents. Opportunities to promote this idea include Lake Fest and if City of Eagan is hosting any workshops (Gregg Thompson). Gallagher will get the checklist into survey monkey, with a deadline of before the Home and Garden Show. Gradation of list was discussed, and it was decided that its too difficult/time consuming to track levels. WMO will start by using the list as education tool.

X. Eagan BMP Signage Updates

There are four signs total, each is planned at a 2ft x 3ft size. Design is near complete but minor edits could still be made. No quotes have been solicited yet but Macbeth estimates around \$600-\$800 per sign and post. Was asked if there was installation deadline, and no deadline but spring would be nice. The Board supports the signage design and would be willing to cover some of the cost. Macbeth will try to get two quotes for the next WMO meeting. The idea of a tour was mentioned once the signs are installed.

XI. Draft 2021 Annual Report Review/Approve

The Annual Report is a required document. Upon review and approval, Administrator would send out as a final version to BWSR and for distribution by member cities. One edit was made in LCW article.

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Lencowski to approve the 2021 Annual Report. Motion carried.

XII. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

No updates. There was a question about coordination with existing MWS. Reymann used to do a lot of coordination. Gregg from Eagan will be sure to coordinate with existing MWS even though the city is no longer sponsoring new MWS.

XIII. Community Updates

Inver Grove Heights: There is a new public works director. Continue to work on MS4 compliance, report not due to August. Presentation on bio-retention basins at the City Engineers Conference had three speakers, one was Gregg Thompson and another was an ecologist. Dodge found it to be very interesting. A stormwater staff is transitioning from purely maintenance to more of a policy position.

Eagan: Carlson Lake project should start in April. There was a Star Tribune article on the delisting of Le May Lake that has sparked some interest. First year of permitting for outdoor bulk salt storage is underway. Liaisons for from Board to City communications staff will be Saito for IGH and Workman-Jesness for Eagan.

XIV. Agenda Items for April 19, 2022 Meeting

- Rain barrels spring distribution
- Cleanup day – May 14th
- Water checklist (Watershed Stars)
- Eagan BMP Signage
- Newsletter Articles
- We Are Water Exhibit

XV. Adjournment

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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RE: GENERAL MATTERS
SERVICES RENDERED TO DATE:

			HOURS	
11/01/2021	JJJ	Emails Ashley, update edits to JPA.	0.20	33.00
		AMOUNT DUE	0.20	33.00
		TOTAL CURRENT WORK		33.00
		PREVIOUS BALANCE		\$129.00
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		<u>\$162.00</u>

Amounts due over 30 days will be subject to a finance charge of
.5% per month (or an annual rate of 6%). Minimum charge - 50 cents.

Metropolitan Council Priority Waters List

The Twin Cities seven-county metro area has more than 950 lakes and hundreds of miles of rivers and streams. The Metropolitan Council is establishing a Priority Waters List to help focus limited resources on sustainably managing these waterbodies. This new list builds on the success of our Priority Lakes List, created in 1982 and [last updated in 2015](#), by adding rivers and streams.



The Priority Waters list is being developed to anticipate future needs: It will be a tool to help Met Council leaders and water resources staff effectively distribute resources and make decisions. This list is designed to be a useful tool for a variety of future projects. Some of the first uses of the list will be to:

- Guide how the Met Council allocates resources to monitor, assess, plan for, and improve the region's waterbodies.
- Provide a key lens for developing policies and activities to include in the 2050 Water Resources Policy Plan. It will inform how the Met Council can align with the priorities of local, regional, and state partners, and provide value for those partners.
- Offer insights to other organizations as they prioritize projects and spend their valued resources.

PRIORITY WATERS LIST APPROACH



Waterbodies included on the Priority Waters List have been determined to be regionally significant based on the benefits these waterbodies provide. The Met Council believes these are the most important waterbodies to protect and improve as the region continues to grow and change. This approach supports our mission to foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous metropolitan region and the five outcomes from our most recent regional development guide, Thrive MSP 2040: stewardship, prosperity, equity, livability, and sustainability.

The Priority Waters List focuses on waterbodies deemed regionally significant based on their benefits. This was determined using regional scale datasets. Just because a waterbody is not on the Priority Waters List does not mean it does not have value. That waterbody may still be a priority for an individual city or local organization.

Metropolitan Council Priority Waters List

SCORING PROCESS

The waterbodies of the Twin Cities region were evaluated for the Priority Waters List using scores calculated in seven categories. While these categories do not represent all potential benefits of a waterbody, these categories had datasets available to produce a quantifiable score.

A waterbody qualifies for the Priority Waters List if it meets any of the following criteria:

1. Is a drinking water source.
2. Has a high **Recreation and Tourism** score, which is the ability of a waterbody to support visitors and different types of recreation on the water or on shore, such as swimming, boating, fishing, or walking along a trail.
3. Has a high **Healthy Habitat** score, which is the likelihood that a waterbody provides good habitat for native wildlife and vegetation to live and thrive.
4. Has a high well-rounded score, which is an average score of all seven categories:



Recreation and Tourism



Healthy Habitat



Drinking Water Protection: The likelihood that a waterbody may impact the quality of a regional drinking water source if degraded.



Tranquil Connection: An estimate of a waterbody's potential to provide a tranquil outdoor experience, free from distractions of human activity.



Equity: An estimate of a waterbody's accessibility to communities that may generally have more limited access to benefits waterbodies can provide.



Industry and Utility: The degree to which a waterbody provides or supports utility or economic benefits for the region.



Science and Education: The extent to which a waterbody supports use for scientific studies or environmental education.

HELP US SHAPE THE PRIORITY WATERS LIST

While the Priority Waters List has been created primarily as a Met Council internal tool, we are seeking feedback on the list from a wide swath of individuals in the region: water resources professionals, planners, engineers, elected officials, and engaged residents. Gathering this feedback from outside the Met Council will help ensure this list supports and reflects the values of the region.

A draft of the Priority Waters List is available for review on the Met Council's Priority Waters website at <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Priority-Waters-List.aspx>. The site also includes more information on project background, context, data, and methods, plus a form to provide feedback. Please feel free to review the content on the website and provide comments using the feedback form.

Questions?

Email Emily Resseger, project manager, at emily.resseger@metc.state.mn.us, or call her at 651-602-1033.

