

EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING August 16, 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
Kathleen Reitz	Appointed by City of Eagan

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher	Resource Conservationist, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
Gregg Thompson	Water Resources Staff, City of Eagan
Brian Fake	City of Eagan Resident

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Audience

Brian Fake attended meeting with intent to observe the meeting. Also brought up a concern with a development near his home. Concerns relate to erosion and water management. City of Eagan staff will coordinate directly with Mr. Fake on this concern.

IV. Approve Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of June 21, 2022 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. August 16, 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

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

V. New Bank Update

Now that there are approved minutes of the action Board took to change banks the Administrator will set up a meeting with Ideal Credit Union, and managers Foss and Workman-Jesness. Foss available after September 2nd. Which should allow time to process current checks as well.

VI. Review Draft Outreach Schedule

Administrator prepared a draft schedule that included WMO and member events and deadlines. A few additional items were added. Will be revised into table so that city or WMO can be listed as who is taking the action or supporting the action. There was some discussion on Marketfest. The City of Eagan Water Resources staff table a few times throughout the summer. There is also an indoor winter Marketfest.

VII. Performance Review and Assessment Program (PRAP) Update

PRAP is a Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) program that evaluates all water management organizations in the state every 10 years. E-IGHWMO is due for an evaluation. The PRAP coordinator will give a presentation at the October meeting. Administrator will begin to gather information for the review. One component is a survey. Survey will likely be sent out in October to Board members and partners.

VIII. Eagan BMP Signage Updates

One of the signs near City Hall has been installed. The moveable sign near Cascade Bay is being fabricated. E-IGHWMO was invoiced for the cost of the signs.

IX. We Are Water Update

Exhibits will be at Lebanon Hills Park in Eagan and Pleasant Hills Library in Hastings mid-October through December. There are a number of events planned leading up to the exhibits. The We Are Water website hosted by Dakota County has a full list of events. Some events include nitrate testing clinic for residents on well water and potentially field days. Foss was interviewed by the MN Humanities Center for the We are Water project, however it was a virtual group interview and Foss didn't feel she was able to share what she would've liked to share.

X. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

Thompson has reached out to existing stewards to gauge their interest in volunteering by completing a short survey. Only one survey received so far. Foss attended a meeting hosted by Vermillion Watershed (Brita) for Stewards to share ideas/projects. Gallagher mentioned that maybe in the future there would be a way to bring all stewards across the county together, perhaps with one main Dakota County MWS contact.

XI. Community Updates

Eagan: Thompson reported that Macbeth will retire on September 30th but stay on part-time through the end of the year to ease transition to the new Water Resources Manager. The Carlson Lake underground storage and treatment project is complete and functioning. Invoices and final project paperwork are being worked on. Project should come to the Board for payment at the October meeting. City is planning 2022-23 CIP and many water resources projects are alum treatments. There was discussion on research project by the University of Minnesota. City of Eagan is connected with UMN and even hosted a meeting. City is working on a PC-SWMM model for the entire city, but working in sections over the next approximately 10 years. This requires a lot of ground truthing of points/stormdrains which interns are assisting with. The model provides hydrology and hydraulics and will help with prioritizing project locations.

IGH: Was not at the meeting and did not provide a report.

XII. Agenda Items for October 18, 2022 Meeting

- Newsletter
- PRAP
- Smart Salting Planning
- Open IGH Representative
- CLIMB Theatre Update/Discussion
- Alum Treatment Info

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Reitz to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.