

EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING December 6, 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
Jenna Olson	New Water Resources Manager, City of Eagan
Eric Macbeth	Retiring Water Resources Manager, City of Eagan
Steve Dodge	Assistant City Engineer, City of Inver Grove Heights
Sharon Lencowski	Resident, City of Inver Grove Heights
Anne Sawyer	Board Conservationist, Board of Water and Soil Resources
Jennifer Mocol-Johnson	PRAP Coordinator, Board of Water and Soil Resources

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 Reitz to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

III. Approve Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of October 18, 2022 Meeting
- B. December 6, 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

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

IV. Performance Review and Assessment Program (PRAP) Report and Response

Board of Water and Soil Resources PRAP Coordinator presented the report. There was good response from internal and external partners. E-IGHWMO is meeting all their statutory requirements and is commended for meeting six high performance standards. There were three recommended items: reestablish Advisory Committee, develop clear-measurable goals and actions for future plan implementation, and conduct strategic assessment to evaluate short-term priorities. A draft response to the report was presented. Since no action is required on any of the recommendations and they will be addressed during the next plan updated which begins in 2024, no immediate action will be taken.

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to approve the drafted response letter to the PRAP report. Motion carried.

Motion by Reitz, second by Workman-Jesness to accept the PRAP report. Motion carried.

V. Landscaping for Clean Water 2022 Summary

The factsheet is meant to be shared and has been shared with partners and cities. The factsheet provides numbers for cities to use for their MS4 reports. There were also more data tables shared in the packet. Sometimes people go through the design workshops but never submit an application, or submit an application but then drop out. This year 5 applications were submitted in E-IGHWMO and 5 projects were completed. Reasons for 'dropouts' are typically personal time issues, some are due to cost and other various reasons. SWCD does survey participants and could look into barriers more. The grant has been \$250 for many years. WMO would like to discuss this in future years, maybe its time to increase and would reduce one barrier to participation. The WMO budgets for 12 projects each year. SWCD only charges for completed projects therefore remaining grants are in general fund reserve for the WMO.

Ideas for more promotion include getting promo materials out to cities earlier, having a tik tok challenge for past participants to share their projects, or just get stories. Speak with Master Gardeners (this is typically done by SWCD), speak to Eagan Garden Club, promote at Home and Garden show.

VI. Smart Salting Check-in

Foss distributed cups and posters to many local businesses, hardware stores, gas stations, etc. Staff at Eagan has also distributed many cups and signs. Gallagher is keeping a list of businesses for future reference. Chloride pollution is being more widely talked about in the media and gaining attention. There are very few cups left.

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to spend up to \$500 on more smart salting cups. Motion carried.

VII. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

City of Eagan staff Thompson is working on schedule for 2023 for volunteering to table at events including the Home and Leisure Show and MarketFest. Home show will be April 1, 2023.

VIII. Community Updates

Eagan: Completing permits for winter aeration. Jenna Olson is on board successor for Eric. Eric is on a contract with City until the end of the year. Retirement gathering details were discussed.

IGH: City staff modified the salt cup design with IGH branding and distributed. Also working on doggy bags as a promotional item. Waiting to hear if a Clean Water Fund grant through BWSR will be awarded or not for stormwater projects in the 'old village'.

IX. Agenda Items for February 21, 2023 Meeting

- Rain barrels
- Home Show
- Annual calendar
- Annual reports

X. Adjournment

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