

# EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING February 28, 2023

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
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
Steve Dodge	Assistant City Engineer, City of Inver Grove Heights
Gregg Thompson	Watershed Specialist, City of Eagan
Jenna Olson	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** Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **III. Election of Officers**

Administrator opened nominations for Chair. Workman-Jesness nominated Foss for Chair. Administrator called for 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 Reitz to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Saito for Vice Chair. Motion carried.

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

### **IV. Approve Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes of December 6, 2022 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. Year-end Financial Summary

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

**V. Update on Metro Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF)**

The convene group, consisting of Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, Dakota County Groundwater, Dakota SWCD, E-IGHWMO and BWSR, met in 2022 to discuss project ideas. There must be a project reference in an eligible plan, including the implementation section of the E-IGHWMO Plan or the County Groundwater Plan. The project that was selected is to evaluate places of worship for potential stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs). There will be a final report with prioritized and ranked projects. Future WBIF grants or other local sources could be used to implement the practices.

**VI. Smart Salting Outreach Updates**

Cups and signs have been at stores throughout the winter. Did not get permission to display at Target. Program has gone well.

**VII. Rain Barrels Spring Distribution Planning**

The cost per barrel has increased from \$71.50 in 2021 to \$77.50 for 2023. The WMO cost would increase by roughly \$400. The WMO could choose to charge more in the agreement with the retail partner or take on the additional cost. Board would like the price to remain at \$40 for the public. There is no current list of residents seeking a rain barrel, so they will need to be promoted. Board would like only one pallet of 33 barrels in case they don't sell, the retail partner is not burdened with the amount of rain barrels. If it works for the retail partner, distribution will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to Noon.

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to release RFP and enter into agreement for retail partner and spend up to \$5,000 on rain barrels. Motion carried.

**VIII. Clean-up/Earth Day Planning**

Workman-Jesness had idea to partner with a group that does a cleanup at Patrick Eagan Park. This group is called Friends of the Core Greenway. Thompson will aid in connecting Workman-Jesness to them. This would be a great way to expand the network of the WMO. Clean up is held Earth Day weekend on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**IX. Draft 2022 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 LeMay article.

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Reitz to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Motion carried.

**X. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates**

Thompson will continue to coordinate with existing MWS. There will be volunteer opportunities at Marketfest June 21<sup>st</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. Could also volunteer at the Landscaping for Clean Water Introductory class on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**XI. Community Updates**

Inver Grove Heights: Hired a full-time employee and a part-time employee for stormwater maintenance work. The CIP is primarily for stormwater maintenance projects, not enough budget for new water quality projects. The grant applications for a larger project were not funded. Questions on recent drinking water notification related to radium. IGH has updated water treatment and is hosting a public meeting this evening.

Eagan: Busy with planning and CIP, there is a lot of maintenance and water quality projects scheduled over the next five years. Staff have received training for confined spaces in order to conduct inspections on the underground treatment chambers.

**XII. Agenda Items for April 18, 2023 Meeting**

- Rain barrels spring distribution
- Cleanup day
- E&O Calendar
- MWS Engagement
- Library Bags
- CLIMB Theatre

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Workman-Jesness, second by Reitz to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.