

EAGAN-INVER GROVE HEIGHTS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MINUTES BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING August 15, 2023

The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Board of Managers (Board) met at the Eagan City Hall, 3830 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, MN 55122.

Board Managers Present:

Jennifer Workman-Jesness	Appointed by City of Eagan
Sarah Saito	Appointed by City of Inver Grove Heights
Monica Foss	Appointed by City of Eagan
Steven Errante	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
Jenna Olson	Water Resources Manager, City of Eagan
Gregg Thompson	Watershed Specialist, City of Eagan

Tour at 5:00: The Board took a walking tour of the stormwater best management practices around Eagan City Hall. Practices include permeable pavers, raingardens, tree trenches and more. E-IGHWMO helped pay for the educational signs.

I. Call to Order

Foss called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 June 20, 2023 Meeting
- B. Invoices for Payment
- C. Year-to-date Financial Summary

Motion by Errante, second by Saito to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

IV. Discussion on Table Display

City of Eagan staff brought information on and cost estimate for the display produced by Hamline Center for Global Environmental Education. Price has gone up but they would sell it for \$6,000. Staff currently spend a lot of valuable time coordinating pick-up, drop-off and taping over logos of a display through Vermillion River Watershed JPO. Staff would like to have an E-IGHWMO display. Discussion on getting one display for each city. Comment that the displays should be different content if getting two. CGEE overs three different displays: Illicit Discharge (storm drains), Green Lakes, and a watershed map. Most valuable would be storm drain and green lakes. Discussion on replicating the displays, but not a good idea due to potential copyright issues. Could swap the displays between cities each year, or Eagan is willing to store

them. Displays would get used at least 6 times a year at events and could also be placed in public spaces like city halls or libraries.

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Saito to approve purchase of two displays (storm drains and green lakes) not-to-exceed \$16,000. Motion carried.

V. Education and Outreach Calendar Review

Discussion on newsletter deadlines. Eagan has done some larger educational campaigns this year, so items are being distributed. Discussion on Eagan plans to switch to Lake Nights instead of biennial Lakefest. Events would be June, July and August, with largest event during lakes month in July. Will need to update E&O schedule once Lake Night plans are finalized.

VI. Minnesota Water Stewards Activity Updates

No reports. This item can be removed from future agenda since Eagan is no longer sponsoring participants. WMO budget has had a line item for supporting capstone projects, this can be removed from next year's budget.

VII. Community Updates

Inver Grove Heights: Working on maintenance of approximately 60 curb-cut raingardens. Have dedicated staff that are knowledgeable on native plants. Stormwater fund is slowly growing but still addressing maintenance and no funding for new projects.

Eagan: Working with University of Minnesota on water quality monitoring on two Iron Enhanced Sand Filters, one behind Target on Cliff and the other on Fitz Lake. Retrofitting many curb-cut raingarden inlets so that maintenance and cleaning is easier. Harvesting weeds on Thompson Lake and Blackhawk Lake. Fish Lake is doing well and does not need harvesting this year. Working on getting new sediment cores for Fish Lake, may not need to run alum treatment on Fish Lake next year. Question on Carlson Lake, there is regular water quality monitoring, and a new sediment core will be collected. City is providing cost-share for four shoreline projects and one ravine stabilization. City is having conversations with Art House about potential stormwater practices associated with plans for their new building.

VIII. Agenda Items for October 17, 2023 Meeting

- E&O Schedule – Lake Nights
- Display Check-in
- CLIMB Theatre
- Other BMP Signage
- Budget and Workplan for 2024

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Workman-Jesness, second by Reitz to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.