



## 1. Call to Order

Chair Monica Foss called meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Present: Chair Monica Foss (Eagan), Vice Chair Sarah Saito (Inver Grove Heights), Kathleen Reitz (Eagan), Jennifer Workman-Jesness (Eagan)

Staff: E-IGHWMO Administrator Victoria Ranua, City of Eagan Water Resources Specialist Gregg Thompson, City of Eagan Water Resources Manager Jenna Olson, City of Inver Grove Heights Engineering Technician Nicole Portugal.

Others: Anne Sayer (BSWR), Lisa Tilman (Stantec), Grace Nuemiller (Stantec)

## 2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Reitz to approve the agenda. Second by Workman-Jesness. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Minutes of February 18, 2025 Meeting

3.2 2024 Year End Financial Summary

3.3 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

A motion by Workman-Jesness to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the February 18 minutes at 5.4 Audit (adding who seconded the motion and that the motion passed). Second by Saito. Motion carried unanimously.

## 4. Presentations

Stantec solicited feedback on their issue and goals worksheets / documents. The assessment of Watershed activities and rating the 1<sup>st</sup> generation Watershed plan worksheets helped solicit solid discussion about the strength of the Watershed Management Organization (WMO) in reaching individuals to help affect behavior changes and how the City is doing the heavy lifting to correct past behaviors that impaired waterbodies. It helped solidify the activities of the WMO to focus on individuals, with Cities continue to work on those heavier lifting activities (engineered solutions, etc.).

Stantec prepared some draft goals/action items based on the previous plan's goals/action items and feed back from the February 18 meeting and survey responses based on the February 18 meeting. The consensus from the WMO Board

members and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members was that the goals seemed premature at this stage. There was no specific discussion going over individual goals. Based on a draft action item related to alum treatments effect on a specific lake and associated wetlands, City of Eagan staff commented on the danger of having goals/action items be too specific. The comment encompassed concerns that having it documented in the plan this way didn't allow flexibility if it could not be achieved due to funding changes, difficulty in working with natural systems, change in priority due to emerging issues, and creating an unnecessary contentious dynamic between the WMO and the Cities (words "monitor and assess efficacy of"). The only common point of support seemed to be in adding chloride reduction-based goals/actions items, without anyone reviewing any specific details.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Board Management, Agenda Packet Timeline**

Board heard how the cultural practice of the having the packet mailed/delivered electronically 10 days before meeting was negatively affecting the quality of material sent related to the Watershed Plan update process. There was nothing in the JPA or other statute requiring this timeline. The board verbally had consensus that packet material delivered the Friday before their Tuesday meetings would be sufficient time to review board material.

### **5.2 Watershed Plan, Budget and Timeline**

While the Watershed Plan milestones are on track, they may not be hitting them with the quality expected to have a sound end-product. There was a general acknowledgement that the timeline they accepted in the proposal, seems rushed now in reality. The solutions to this may include budgeting additional consultant and/or staff time to facilitate the process. Discussed that a change would likely involve amending the contract with Stantec and/or amending the approved budget. Monies appears to have been informally set-aside in the past for the watershed plan (and is currently in the bank account), but was not discussed during budget planning or Watershed Plan consultant selection at the end of 2024. One Board Manager had notes from 2023, verifying the informal discussion of the aside amount which later appeared in balance sheets approved by the board. Overall, the board sense was supportive of this, but no formal action was taken.

### **5.3 Annual Appointment**

Saito made a motion to nominate Workman-Jessness as Chair. Seconded by Reitz. Motion carried unanimously.



Saito made a motion to nominate as Reitz as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Workman-Jessness. Motion carried unanimously.

Workman-Jessness made a motion to nominate as Saito as Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Reitz. Motion carried unanimously.

## **5.4 2025 Communications and Outreach Plan**

### **5.4.1 Outreach, Library Exhibit Update**

Saito made a motion to have Reitz to circle back with Wescott Library (Eagan) to come to an agreement about display sequencing. Seconded by Foss. Motion carried unanimously.

### **5.4.2 Outreach, Rain barrel Sale**

Board reviewed the past history of the rain barrel program, the cost and that the County is now running a rain barrel program. They decided to not do the rain barrel program this year. They noted that the money not utilized for the rain barrels could potentially be re-allocated for the Watershed Plan update (consultant or staff time) if needed in the future.

### **5.4.3 Outreach, Adopt-A-Drain Proposal**

Board reviewed the classroom support proposal from Adopt-A-Drain. It was not an activity they were interested in this year, due to the Watershed Plan update, but something to consider in the future as it had measurable outcomes (pollution reduction, # of students, potential drain adoption outside the classroom).

## **6. Community Updates**

None.

## **7. Agenda Items for April 15, 2025 Meeting in Inver Grove Heights**

Agenda items for April 15 will include Watershed Plan update, need for Special meeting in May, library display update, and review of CLIMB Theater agreement.

## **8. Adjournment**

A motion by Saito to adjourn meet. Second by Foss. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Ranua', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Victoria Ranua  
Administrator

Approved by Board  
04/15/2025