



Scott Watershed Management Organization

200 Fourth Avenue West

Shakopee, MN 55379-1220

MINUTES

Scott County WMO – Watershed Planning Commission

County Boardroom

January 28, 2019

Members Present:

Brian Schmidt
Mark Vierling
Jim Schwinger
Rita Weaver

Staff Present:

Paul Nelson
Ryan Holzer
Beverly Cox-Alexander

Others Present:

Troy Kuphal
Tom Wolf
Charlie Howley
Diane Lynch

Absent:

Virgil Pint

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schwingler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

- Specific details and video of the entire January 28, 2019 Scott County WMO Watershed Planning Commission Meeting is available for viewing on the Scott County Website.
- The video link can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqFdA0dmVw>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Vierling; Second by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the January 28 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

Motion by Commissioner Vierling ; Second by Commissioner Schmidt to elect Jim Schwingler as Commission Chair for 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt; Second by Commissioner Vierling to elect Rita Weaver as Commission Vice Chair for 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt; Second by Commissioner Vierling to approve the December 17, 2018 minutes as written and presented. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

SCOTT SWCD:

Troy Kuphal provided SWCD highlights and updates.

- Technical Assistance and Cost Share Requests
 - 200 active requests for Conservation Assistance
- Soil Health / Cover Crops
 - The Cover Crop workshop is currently being planned and will be held on March 14th.
 - Monthly cover crop updates are distributed via email.
 - Please contact Sara if you would like to be added to the email list
- Clean Water Education Program
 - The 2018 Conservation Leader Award was presented to Scott County in cooperation with Three River Park District on December 6th at a joint board meeting and also at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Convention.
- Zoning Support – County
 - Assisted with compliance of livestock issues for (3) different projects
- Volunteer Rainfall Monitoring

- Slightly above average at 1.37 inches for the month of December
- Construction Erosion Control – County / Credit River
 - Less than 5 plan reviews for the month of December
 - A number of inspections were completed in December
- Buffer Law
 - Updated BuffCAT compliance
- Tree Program
 - 5,050 tree sales as of January 7th
- Cooperative Weed Management (CWM) Program
 - Received an MDA grant award for \$10,000.00 for Wild Parsnip removal and CWMA program continuation
- Equipment Rental Use
 - 2018 equipment usage totaling over 1700 acres for cover crops
- WMO TACS Program Action By SWCD Board (January 2019)
 - New Applications
 - (6) new applications
 - Amendments
 - (3) amendments
 - Payments
 - (14) payments

Scott WMO:

Paul Nelson provided WMO updates

- Thank you cards distributed to Commissioners to sign for Approved New Applications
- Chris Zadak, a manager for most of WMO pollution control related items since 2007 is retiring
 - He has been an advocate for the WMO
- Due to high water levels at McMahan Lake some of the land owners are pushing for an outlet to be constructed on the lake
 - This year a study will be completed on the feasibility
 - Paul Nelson will be meeting with the land owners next month to advise them on what the study will entail
- Cedar Lake has been inquiring about having a “No Wake” ordinance for boating
 - Paul Nelson spoke with the sheriff’s office and a public purpose cannot be identified
 - In speaking with Administration and the current Chair of the Board, the County is not inclined to pass regulations that do not have a public purpose
 - Paul will be informing Cedar Lake of the decision

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates

Updates provided by Paul Nelson on behalf of Melissa Bokman

- Solicited bids for aquatic plant treatment on multiple lakes
 - Coordinating with the Cedar Lake Improvement District with O’Dowd and Thole Lake folks to select a vendor.
 - Treatment is typically done in Mid-May
- The University of Minnesota has almost completed their final report on “Survey of Attitudes Towards Conservation”
- Chlorides Assessment
 - Held (5) different trainings this fall for deicing applications of salt
 - Last week another training was completed that focused on parking lot application of salt
- Working on developing a monitoring plan for Credit River in coordination with the SWCD

Project updates provided by Ryan Holzer

- Contracts are approved for CIP contracts Phase III and Phase IV
- BARR has the go ahead for completing the design of Phase III
- Inter-Fluve has the green light for design on Phase IV

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of the Prior Lake – Spring Lake Watershed District, Diane Lynch Administrator

Presentation presented by Charlie Howley and Diane Lynch

- Prior Lake – Spring Lake Watershed District
 - 26,880 acres in the PLSLWD
 - 42 square miles (3) cities and (2) townships
 - 4 lakes > 100 acre; 10 under; 730 wetlands
- 17,674 acres in the UW contribute to the Spring and Prior Chain of Lakes
- 2019 Levey: \$1,794,632 (same as 2018)
- Funding comes from taxpayers within the Jurisdiction
- PLSLWD is comprised of (6) staff members
- 2018 Programs
 - Farmer-led Council
 - Cost Share
 - Monitoring and Research
 - Conservation Easements
 - Permitting
 - Rules
 - 2020 WRMP
 - Clean Water Clean-Up

- IPM
- Projects
 - Potential Infrastructure Projects
 - Ferric Chloride Plant
 - Prior Lake Outlet Structure Channel
 - FEMA
 - Flood Storage
 - Carp Management
 - Spring Lake Alum Treatment
 - Lower Prior Implementation

2019 Meeting Dates

- Monthly meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of the month with the exception of May which will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month

2019 Overview

Overview presented by Paul Nelson

Continuing Efforts from 2018

- Jordan Flood Mitigation Study
- Chlorides Assessments
- Expanded Education (chlorides and bacteria)
- Local Water Plans
- Sand Creek Near Channel Stabilizations Phase III and IV
- TACS Program
- Sand Creek Attitudes Survey
- Public Issues Tracking System
- Cleary Lake Subwatershed Assessment
- EPA Nine Element Plan
- Drainage Process Mapping
- McMahan Lake Bogs

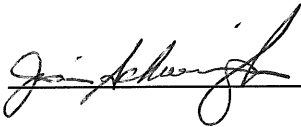
New Efforts for 2019

- Aquatic Invasive Species Treatments
- Watershed Stewards Grants
- Thole Lake Outlet Assessment
- McMahan Lake Outlet Assessment
- Shakopee Feasibility Study
- Savage Feasibility Study

- Prior Lake DWSMA Well Assessment
- Thole Lake Subwatershed Assessment
- Credit River Monitoring
- Blakeley Park Stabilization
- Upper Sand Creek Watershed Subwatershed Assessments
- Maintain and Expand the Sand Creek Story Map
- Clean Water Fund Grant Applications

ADJOURN MEETING

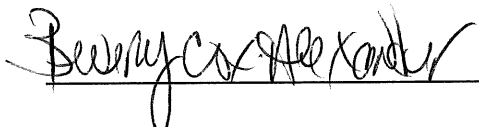
Motion by Commissioner Vierling and Second by Commissioner Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM. The motion carried unanimously.



Jim Schwinger
Chair, Watershed Planning Commission

3.25.19

Date



Beverly Cox-Alexander
Secretary