MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10 March 2020

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Commissioners in Attendance

Donna Schmitt, Columbia Heights; Steve Eggert, Fridley; Jeffrey Dains, Lauderdale; Kevin Reich, Minneapolis; Randy Stille, St. Anthony; and Chris Meyer, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB).

Staff and Guests: Nick Busse, Katharine Dowling, Dan Kalmon, Abby Moore; Michaela Neu; Udai Singh, Tammy Schmitz; and Doug Snyder MWMO; Glenda Meixell, Anoka Conservation District; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Chair Reich.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Dains, second by Schmitt to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dains, second by Schmitt to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting with the correction to include Randy Stille as present. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Dains, second by Schmitt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Reports from Staff

Staff will seek professional services to assist with the 10-year Watershed Management Plan update and anticipates making a recommendation for services at the May Board meeting.

Staff have been working with the City of Minneapolis, MPRB, and the developer regarding the Upper Harbor Terminal project. A coordinated plan is expected to be put forward in June. The MWMO aspect of the design is a district system to manage stormwater, create habitat corridors and includes several water features on the site. The stormwater management system is anticipated to treat the entire site plus 130 acres of fully developed land that currently drains through the site via a large tunnel. Much of the water management design area includes private land that will be used as public spaces.

At the November 2019 meeting, the board approved three agreements to allow siting of a UV treatment facility and public shelter for the stormwater reuse system. MWMO and the owners are ready to sign off on the excess capacity agreement.

At the January 2019 meeting, the board approved a $250,000 grant for a project at the Lane Industrial Area. The project bids received were far higher than anticipated and do not justify construction of the project. The approved grant funds will be moved back into the CIP fund.

Katharine Dowling was introduced as the new Administrative and Project Support Specialist at MWMO.

General Business

Resolution 2020-011: Stewardship Fund. Twelve pre-applications and seven full applications were received. Staff and the CAC recommend four Action Grants be awarded in an amount not to exceed $170,000 for all four projects. Projects recommended for award are Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities for $50,000, Elliot Park Skate Plaza for $50,000, Riverside Plaza Participatory Landscape Design for $50,000, and Traffic Diverter Rain Garden Implementation for $20,000. Motion by Eggert, second by Stille to approve Resolution 2020-011 approving four 2020 Action Grants committing $170,000 from the Stewardship Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-012: N. Columbia Golf Course Amendment. This project design was started in 2017. In May 2019 the Board approved $470,000 in funding for design services to bring the project from 30% design through construction documentation. This resolution is an amendment to approve an additional $55,000 for design services to complete 100% construction documents for the project. Motion by Eggert, second by Stille to approve Resolution 2020-012 approving
funding amendment for design services for the Northern Columbia Golf Course BMPs. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-013: N. Columbia Golf Course Bidding and Construction Support.** The MWMO will continue working with SRF Consulting to support the project partners in the public bid process, construction engineering and observation, and creation of as-built drawings. Motion by Schmitt, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 2020-013 approving funding for bidding and construction services for the Northern Columbia Golf Course BMPs at a cost not to exceed $650,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-014: N. Columbia Golf Course Solicitation of Bids.** Per 90% construction documents, the total estimated cost for construction of the project is $6.25-$7.2 million. The MWMO investment in the project is estimated at $2.5-2.9 million. Motion by Schmitt, second by Eggert to approve Resolution 2020-014 approving bidding for the Northern Columbia Golf Course BMPs capital project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-015: N Columbia Golf Course Construction Agreement.** The MWMO, City of Minneapolis and MPRB have memorialized a partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (2017) and Cooperative Agreement (2019) to develop plans, design and construction documents. The partners have developed a Construction Cooperative Agreement for the construction portion of the project defining MWMO as the bidding and construction process lead and assigns capital costs for construction, as well as defining ownership and responsibility of the infrastructure and stormwater BMPs to be constructed. Costs defined in the Agreement may need adjustment after bids are received. Motion by Eggert, second by Schmitt to approve Resolution 2020-015 approving the Construction Cooperative Agreement for the Northern Columbia Golf Course BMPs capital project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-016: Hoyer Heights Tree Trenches.** As part of a City of Minneapolis street reconstruction project, wider boulevard spaces provide an opportunity to install tree trenches as a stormwater BMP. The qualified low-bid for the tree trench portion of the project was approximately $454,000. A 15% contingency will be added to increase the request to $522,100 as a grant to the City of Minneapolis Public Works. Watershed-based funding awarded by BWSR in the amount of $113,459 will be applied to this project. Motion by Eggert, second by Schmitt to approve Resolution 2020-016 approving funding for construction of tree trenches in Hoyer Heights as a grant to Minneapolis Public Works in an amount not to exceed $522,100. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-017: Towerside District Tank Grout Injections.** The stormwater reuse system tank constructed in 2016-2017 continues to leak. The original contractor has attempted to seal the leak twice. Retainage from the original construction is still being held by MWMO. A bid of $126,663 was received to inject grout into all joints within the tank. Staff is requesting funding not
to exceed $140,000 to allow for contingency. Motion by Stille, second by Eggert to approve Resolution 2020-017 approving funding for grout injection of the Towerside system underground tank at a cost not to exceed $140,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-018: Towerside Phase II District Stormwater Grant Approval.** Staff is requesting approval of an $82,500 grant to Wall Companies to fund 50% of the Towerside Phase II District Stormwater 30% design study. The study will also look for ways to tie into the existing Phase I district system. Motion by Meyer, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2020-18 approving Barr Engineering to provide design and engineering professional services to complete the 30% design study. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Public Input**

None.

**Board Updates and Announcements**

None.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, motion by Dains, second by Meyer to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Juntunen

Recording Secretary
Record of Motions

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