



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Next Generation Plan Steering Committee

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4:30 p.m ~ Monday August 19, 2013
Golden Valley City Hall

Attendees: Committee Chair Linda Loomis; Commission Chair Ginny Black; Commissioner Michael Welch; Commissioner Alternates Justin Riss and John O'toole; TAC member Jeannine Clancy; Engineer Karen Chandler; Greg Williams, Barr Engineering.

1. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Loomis at 4:40 p.m.
2. Review and Approve Notes from July 29, 2013 Meeting
There were no suggested changes to the notes from the July 29, 2013 meeting. Consensus to accept the notes as presented.
3. Discussion of goals yet to be resolved
 - a. Public ditch goal – No further determination on whether the public ditch goal needs to remain in the Plan. Ms. Chandler will follow up with Hennepin County.
 - b. Existing and new groundwater goal (suggested by Guy Mueller) – There was discussion of the BCWMC's role in regulating groundwater or surface water appropriations; no one felt strongly that the BCWMC should regulate those activities. Mr. O'toole asked if Three Rivers Park District was still pumping groundwater into the swimming area on Medicine Lake. The consensus was that the existing groundwater goal should remain, and that the additional goal suggested by Mr. Mueller be considered in the discussion of policies.
 - c. Flooding goal – Mr. Welch asked whether or not "Reduce flooding along the Bassett Creek Trunk System" was an appropriate goal and if "reduce" is the best word. Ms. Clancy noted that there are still flooding issues in Golden Valley. The consensus was to leave the goal as originally stated. Ms. Clancy noted that the definition of the "trunk system" should be addressed.
4. Discussion of draft policies (by policy number in the meeting materials)
 1. The Steering Committee agreed that the existing level I-IV classification system is moot based on the MPCA water quality standards, and that a new classification system should be applied to waterbodies that the BCWMC wants to manage (labeled "priority waterbodies"). There was not consensus on the criteria to be used to establish priority waterbodies, but suggestions included: public access, recreational use, TMDLs and/or impairments, and whether the water body is in multiple jurisdictions. Mr. Welch
 2. The Steering Committee agreed with this policy (substituting "other" for "non-priority" when describing waterbodies not managed by the BCWMC).
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4. Discussion of policy 4 led to general discussion of the CIP process. Mr. Welch suggested that Table 12-3 in the existing Plan be replaced with a less structured list of potential projects which can easily be moved in and out of the CIP by a well-defined process as conditions change (e.g., funding opportunities, new data). The need for better communication of the CIP with the Commission was needed; the use of cover sheets for CIP projects is beneficial and should continue. Mr. Welch suggested that the Plan update is a good time to reexamine the CIP process and consider whether the BCWMC wishes to become a taxing authority.
5. Date and time set for next meeting (September 16, 2013)

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