



## Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

### Minutes of Regular Meeting August 20, 2015 Golden Valley City Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners and Staff Present:

Crystal	Commissioner Guy Mueller, Vice Chair	Robbinsdale	Commissioner Wayne Sicora
Golden Valley	Commissioner Stacy Hoschka, Treasurer Alternate Commissioner Jane McDonald Black	St. Louis Park	Commissioner Jim de Lambert, Chair
Medicine Lake	Commissioner Clint Carlson	Administrator	Laura Jester
Minneapolis	Commissioner Michael Welch Alternate Commissioner Lisa Goddard	Attorney	Charlie LeFevre, Kennedy & Graven
Minnetonka	Commissioner Jacob Millner, Secretary		Troy Gilchrist, Kennedy & Graven
New Hope	Alternate Commissioner Pat Crough	Engineer	Karen Chandler, Barr Engineering
Plymouth	Commissioner Ginny Black		

*Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members/ Other Attendees Present:*

Derek Asche, TAC, City of Plymouth	Dave Stack, Friends of Bassett Creek
Erick Francis, TAC, City of St. Louis Park	Mark Ray, TAC, City of Crystal
Richard McCoy, TAC, City of Robbinsdale	Charles Schmidt, New Hope Resident
Jeff Oliver, TAC, City of Golden Valley	Liz Stout, TAC, City of Minnetonka
Bob Paschke, TAC, City of New Hope	David Tobelmann, Alternate Commissioner, City of Plymouth
Michael Scanlan, Alternate Commissioner, City of Robbinsdale	

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

On Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 8:34 a.m. in the Council Conference room at Golden Valley City Hall, Chair de Lambert called to order the meeting of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) and asked for roll call to be taken [City of Minnetonka absent from roll call].

**2. CITIZEN FORUM ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Dave Stack of the Friends of Bassett Creek requested that the Commission revisit the issue of creek restoration along the stretch of Bassett Creek along the Fruen Mill area. Commissioner Welch responded that the Commission will be talking about this area at the Commission’s September meeting. Administrator Jester said that at the BCWMC’s September meeting, the Commission anticipates reviewing a proposal by Barr Engineering Company for the City of Minneapolis for the streambank restoration project feasibility study. She said that now is the time to bring up discussion of inclusion of the Fruen Mill stretch in the project. She noted that at the September meeting the Commission will be getting an update from the City of Minneapolis or the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board regarding the current restoration project through Wirth Park. She encouraged Mr. Stack to attend the Commission’s September meeting to provide input. Commissioner Welch encouraged the Commission to check out the Friends of Bassett Creek listserv.

*[Commissioner Millner, City of Minnetonka, arrived].*

Charles Schmidt raised an issue regarding a steep ravine behind Winnetka Village in Crystal that drains into a pond and carries debris into the pond. He noted that he brought up this issue to this group one year ago, and he is wondering if there is anything planned to address the erosion in the ravine and any plans to dredge the pond. Mr. Ray of the City of Crystal said that there are not any plans to dredge that pond at this time and the City is looking at creating a method for evaluating pond dredging needs. Administrator Jester stated that she will follow up with Crystal City staff to see if there is any role for the Commission in stabilizing that ravine and sediment.

**3. AGENDA**

Commissioner Welch moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Millner seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 9-0.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Alternate Commissioner Goddard requested the removal of item 4A – July 16, 2015, Commission Meeting Minutes – and item 4F – Approval of Golden Villas Apartments Project– from the Consent Agenda. Chair de Lambert said the items would become agenda item 6Ai and 6Aii. Commissioner Black moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Millner seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [City of Plymouth abstained from vote].

[The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: the August 2015 financial report, the payment of invoices, Approval of BCWMC 2016 Operating Budget, and Approval to Set Technical Advisory Meeting for September 8, 2015.]

The general and construction account balances reported in the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Report prepared for the August 20, 2015, meeting are as follows:

Checking Account Balance	\$663,513.06
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$663,513.06</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS ON-HAND (8/12/15)</b>	<b>\$3,867,624.00</b>

CIP Projects Levied – Budget Remaining	(\$4,015,111.53)
Closed Projects Remaining Balance	\$147,487.53
2012-2014 Anticipated Tax Levy Revenue	\$5,585.36
2015 Anticipated Tax Levy Revenue	\$495,084.26
Anticipated Closed Project Balance	\$353,182.09

## 5. PUBLIC HEARING

### A. **Receive Comments from Member Cities and Public on Proposed 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects: Northwood Lake Improvement Project (NL-1) and Honeywell Pond Expansion Project (BC-4)**

Chair de Lambert opened the public hearing. Administrator Jester provided background on the Commission's process to add these projects to the BCWMC's CIP. She reminded the Commission that in order to approve the projects, the BCWMC needs to hold a public hearing on the projects. She briefly described the projects and their feasibility studies.

Commissioner Mueller asked about the items included in the proposed maintenance of the Honeywell Pond Expansion Project and the estimated maintenance cost of \$3,000. Mr. Oliver described the proposed maintenance that includes vegetation maintenance, pumping, and general maintenance but does not include dredging of the pond. Commissioner Tobelmann asked about the process for funding the projects and what happens in the event of a project being under budget. Administrator Jester described that the BCWMC would receive the \$75,000 grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the Northwood Lake Project and how the cities would invoice the Commission and the Commission would reimburse the cities for actual project costs after an approved reimbursement request. She noted that the agreements (to be considered later in the meeting) do not address the procedure to be followed in the case that the project is completed under budget.

Mr. Stack asked how the dredged materials from the Honeywell Pond will be disposed. Mr. Oliver said that the City will test the materials and will dispose of them properly. Commissioner Sicora said that the MPCA recently revised its guidelines associated with cleaning out ponds so the process is prescribed and the guidelines are available publically.

Chair de Lambert called for additional comments. Upon hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

## 6. BUSINESS

### A.

#### i. **July 16, 2015, Meeting Minutes (Removed from Consent Agenda)**

Alternate Commissioner Goddard requested more detail in the minutes under item 5Ai. regarding Commissioner Black's question about the financial report's line item "Other General Fund

Revenues.” Chair de Lambert directed staff to revise the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and present them as part of the Consent Agenda at next month’s meeting.

**ii. Approval of Golden Villas Apartments Project, Golden Valley (Removed from Consent Agenda)**

Alternate Commissioner Goddard pointed out that the NPDES permit requires that exposed soil areas must be stabilized as soon as possible and by seven days after construction has temporarily or permanently ceased in certain cases. She said that the Engineer’s memo states that the areas must be stabilized no later than 14 days after construction. Alternate Commission Goddard stated that she does not want the Commission to advocate that others put something into their plans that contradicts the NPDES permit. Commissioner Black moved to approve the project with the conditions in the Engineer’s memo revised as requested by Commissioner Goddard. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 9-0. Commissioner Welch he asked if the Commission revised its Requirements such that projects that fall below the NPDES still will be analyzed by the Commission. Engineer Chandler said that she would check.

**iii. Resolution of Appreciation for Charlie LeFevere and Introduction of New Legal Counsel for BCWMC**

Chair de Lambert read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation for Services of Charlie LeFevere to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission. Commissioners and Mr. LeFevere offered comments. Mr. LeFevere introduced Troy Gilchrist of Kennedy & Graven, who will be serving as the primary legal counsel for the Commission. Commissioner Black moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 9-0.

**B. Consider Approval of Resolution Ordering 2016 Improvements**

Administrator Jester described resolution and stated that the levy request contained therein is for \$1,222,000, which is less than the maximum levy request of \$1,250,000 that the Commission approved last month due to refined project cost estimates. Administrator Jester summarized the resolution and explained that it orders the improvements, certifies the costs to Hennepin County, and approves the three agreements for the projects:

- Cooperative Agreement with the City of New Hope for the Northwood Lake Improvement Project;
- Sub-Grant Agreement with the City of New Hope for the Northwood Lake Improvement Project; and,
- Cooperative Agreement with the City of Golden Valley for the Honeywell Pond Expansion Project.

Administrator Jester pointed out that next year the Commission will request for collection in 2017 \$411,000 to complete the Northwood Lake project.

There was discussion about adding clarifying language to the agreements about how funds would be handled in the case of projects being completed under budget. Attorney LeFevere and Attorney Gilchrist said that they could work on drafting language to present to the Commission later in the meeting. Commissioner Welch stated that he would like language included in the Cooperative Agreements to reflect that a final report on the project is required by the Commission at the conclusion of each project. The Commission indicated consent to the addition of the provision in the agreements. Commissioner Welch remarked that he thinks it is good practice to vote on resolutions by roll call vote and to record the vote on the resolutions. The Commission indicated consent with this suggestion. Chair de Lambert tabled discussion of this item until later in the meeting.

### **C. Consider Approval of Proposal for Preparation of Feasibility Study for Plymouth Creek Restoration Project (2017CR-P)**

Engineer Chandler pointed out that there is a memo on this item in the meeting packet and that a revised cost estimate has been handed out today. She said that the cost estimate revisions are due to the new information that there is a high likelihood that there are wetlands along this reach of the creek. She explained that the revised cost estimate includes the cost of the wetland delineation. Engineer Chandler pointed out that the proposal includes an optional Phase I soil contamination investigation. She explained that it is not required, but that the engineer recommends it and recommends doing it either now during the feasibility stage or early in the design process.

Engineer Chandler talked about the reach of the creek included in the project, noting that it is upstream of the previous Plymouth Creek restoration project and lies on both sides of the Fernbrook Lane culvert collapse area. She announced that the cultural resource study needs to be done for the part of the reach that was not included in the BCWMC's Resource Management Plan. She summarized the proposal and what the feasibility study would include. Engineer Chandler added that the proposal does include budget for public involvement as well as Commission involvement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the MDNR, and presentation of the draft report to the Commission.

Engineer Chandler stated that the cost estimate for the feasibility study is \$56,000 without including the Phase I soil contamination investigation or \$63,000 including the Phase I investigation. Engineer Chandler fielded questions. Mr. Asche asked for specifics on the public involvement process and budgeted number of public meetings, the number of meetings with the agencies included in the budget, and when the meetings should be held. Engineer Chandler said that the budget should cover two public meetings and two meetings with the agencies. There was discussion about timing of the meetings. Engineer Chandler recommended holding the first public meeting after the first meeting with the agencies but during the feasibility study stage and before design. Commissioner Welch recommended that the further public input should be gathered through a second public meeting before the Commission approves the feasibility study.

There was further discussion about the location of this project in relation to other Commission projects completed in Plymouth.

Commissioner Welch commented that he thinks now is a great time to do the Phase I investigation, but he commented that the proposed \$7,000 cost is pretty expensive for a Phase I investigation. He asked what Barr is proposing to include with the Phase I study and if it would be a more extensive investigation than a basic Phase I. Engineer Chandler said that she can find out more information about it.

She asked if the presentation of the feasibility study to the Commission would be done by the Commission Engineer or other Barr staff. Engineer Chandler said that she likely would have the Barr staff member that worked on the report come in and present the report. Commissioners Black and Tobelmann asked to be invited to the meetings with the agencies.

Mr. Asche asked for more information on how this project fits in with the BCWMC's Resource Management Plan (RMP). Engineer Chandler gave background on the RMP and described how it acts like a preliminary permit approval tool. Mr. Asche asked how much investigation into alternatives should be included in the feasibility studies since it feels like for the stream projects alternatives are limited. Engineer Chandler agreed that for stream projects there are fewer options to consider but the goal is to make sure nothing is missed. Mr.

Asche asked if the ENVISION tool is a tool that can be used to evaluate future projects, although he noted that he isn't interested in using it for the Plymouth Creek stream restoration project.

Administrator Jester responded that the ENVISION tool is a great tool but expensive and not necessarily the right tool for every case. There was discussion about for what projects ENVISION could be useful.

Commissioner Black moved to order the preparation of the feasibility study with the inclusion of the Phase I investigation. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion with the friendly amendment that the Engineer brings back to the Commission more information about the Phase I investigation. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote.]

**B. Consider Approval of Resolution Ordering 2016 Improvements-Continued**

Attorney Gilchrist stated that he and Attorney LeFevere propose two additions to the Cooperative Agreements in front of the Commission today. He read aloud the first proposed addition to include at the bottom of section 6 of the Cooperative Agreement with the City of New Hope for the Northwood Lake Improvement Project: "If the total actual cost of the project is less than the total estimated cost, the City shall remain responsible for its entire contribution toward the project, and the amount of the Commission's reimbursement to the City shall be reduced by the amount of savings on the project."

Attorney Gilchrist read aloud the second proposed addition to include in both the Cooperative Agreement with the City of New Hope and the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Golden Valley to add at the bottom of the second paragraph in section 5: "The City shall complete and submit with its final reimbursement request to the Commission a final report on the project using the Commission's final reporting form and providing such other information as may be requested by the Commission."

Attorney Gilchrist pointed out that language authorizing the Chair and Secretary to execute the agreement on behalf of the agreement is already included in the Cooperative Agreement. Attorney Gilchrist and Attorney LeFevere clarified that both proposed new language insertions should be included on the Cooperative Agreement with the City of New Hope for the Northwood Lake Improvement Project (NL-1) and just the language insertion about the final report submission be added to the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Golden Valley for the Honeywell Pond expansion.

Commissioner Black moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Cooperative Agreements as specified by Attorney Gilchrist and Attorney LeFevere. Commissioner Millner seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote. Alternate Commissioner McDonald Black voted for City of Golden Valley].

Commissioner Black moved to approve the Resolution Ordering 2016 Improvements, Designating Members Responsible for Construction, Making Findings Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.251, Certifying Costs to Hennepin County, and Approving Agreements for Construction of Improvements. Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. By call of roll, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote.]

Commissioner	City	Ay	Nay
Mueller	Crystal	X	
McDonald Black	Golden Valley	X	

Carlson	Medicine Lake	X	
Welch	Minneapolis	X	
Millner	Minnetonka	X	
Black	Plymouth	X	
Sicora	Robbinsdale	X	
de Lambert	St. Louis Park	X	

#### **D. Items Related to 2015-2025 BCWMC Watershed Management Plan**

##### **i. Receive Update on Presentation of Watershed Plan to BWSR Metro Region Committee**

Chair de Lambert updated the Commission on the recent presentation of the Watershed Plan to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Metro Region Committee. He reported that Commissioner Mueller presented a summary of the plan to the Committee and it was well received. Chair de Lambert asked if the PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the plan is posted on the Commission's website. Administrator Jester said that staff can get it posted.

##### **ii. Consider Approval of Response to Comments from 90-Day Review of Draft Watershed Management Plan**

Administrator Jester reported that the BCWMC received comments from the MN Department of Agriculture, MnDOT, and the City of Minneapolis during the draft Plan's 90-day review period. She said that the comments from those entities and the draft response to comments are in the meeting packet. Administrator Jester explained that the Commission does not need to respond in writing to these comments like the Commission needed to for the 60-day comments; however, the Commission needs to address the 90-day comments.

Administrator Jester reviewed the comments received and how staff proposes to address them. She summarized the comments received from the City of Minneapolis. She explained that staff spoke with Lois Eberhart about staff's proposed response to comments and reported that Ms. Eberhart is fine with the proposed response to comments.

Administrator Jester said that any of these comments and responses can be discussed today, and she went through the highlighted comments and responses included in the table in the meeting packet. Regarding comment No. 6, Commissioner Welch recommended that the draft response be modified to include the phrase "Commission-approved" so that the response reads, "... or Commission-approved alternative."

Engineer Chandler said that during a preliminary discussion with the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) staff the topic came up regarding potential changes to the connection to the New Tunnel. She said that she realized that the Joint and Cooperative Agreement between the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (WMO), Bassett Creek, and the City of Minneapolis isn't in the BCWMC's Watershed Management Plan appendices. She said that it will be added to the plan's appendices as Appendix I. Engineer Chandler also presented the additional recommended revisions to the draft plan in order to thoroughly address the Joint and Cooperative Agreement. She went through the revisions to

Section 2.8.1, Section 5.1.1.3, and Appendix H. Commissioner Tobelmann asked if the word “generally” needs to be included in the proposed additional language for Section 2.8.1. Engineer Chandler said the word can be removed. Commissioner Welch asked if all the language is reflective of the original agreement. Engineer Chandler responded yes.

Commissioner Welch moved to approve the addition of the proposed language about the Joint and Cooperative Agreement to the plan with the revision to remove the word “generally” as mentioned by Commissioner Tobelmann. Commissioner Black seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote. Commissioner Hoschka voted for City of Golden Valley].

Commissioner Black moved to approve the responses to comments and to authorize staff to amend the plan to reflect the responses. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote. Commissioner Hoschka voted for City of Golden Valley].

*[Commissioner Welch departed the meeting. Alternate Commissioner Goddard assumed representation for the City of Minneapolis.]*

**E. Consider Approval of Clean Water Fund Grant Application for Northwood Lake Improvement Project**

Administrator Jester announced that at the Commission’s previous meeting it directed staff to prepare this grant application for funds up to \$500,000. She presented the application and recommended that the BCWMC request \$400,000, which would still cover 50% of construction costs.

Commissioner Black moved to approve the grant application with the \$400,000 funding request and authorizing staff to edit the application as needed prior to submission. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Commissioner Tobelmann said he would provide some comments to Administrator Jester regarding some of the wording. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote. Alternate Commissioner McDonald Black voted for City of Golden Valley].

**F. Consider Approval of Grant Application for MDNR Flood Reduction Program Funds**

Engineer Chandler reminded the Commission that due to the special legislation passed in June, \$500,000 in general funds became available for the flood reduction program. She reported that DNR staff is still trying to figure out if any of those funds are still available. Engineer Chandler explained that if funds remain, DNR staff would like the opportunity to help fund the BCMWC’s XP-SWMM work. She said that the DNR recommended that the BCWMC submit a grant application for those funds. She said the grant application is in front of the Commission today for discussion.

Engineer Chandler went through the information in the grant application, explaining that the BCWMC proposed that funds cover XP-SWMM work in the BCMWC’s next fiscal year. She said that she needs to make one correction to the table so that it correctly reflects the estimated project cost of \$261,000. Engineer Chandler explained that in the application she named Administrator Jester as the Authorized Agent, who is the one who can sign the grant on behalf of the Commission through the State’s SWIFT program, and she named herself as the contact person. The Commission indicated consent to naming Administrator Jester the Authorized Agent and Engineer Chandler as the contact.

Commissioner Mueller moved to approve submitting the application. Alternate Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Commissioner Black remarked that she is not in favor of the XP-SWMM project but is in favor of finding funding for it, so she will support this grant application. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote. Commissioner Hoschka voted for City of Golden Valley].

**G. Consider Submitting Comments on Metro Chloride TMDL**

Engineer Chandler reported that comments on the draft Metro Chloride TMDL are due September 2. She stated that Greg Wilson of Barr Engineering reviewed the draft TMDL. She provided an overview of the TMDL and presented staff comments. Administrator Jester remarked that member cities should provide comments on the TMDL, too. Commissioner Black moved to approve staff's letter and comments. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried 8-0 [Commissioner Crough absent from vote. Commissioner Hoschka voted for City of Golden Valley].

**H. Receive Information on Tasks Related to XP-SWMM Phase II Project**

Engineer Chandler updated the Commission on XP-SWMM work including the additions and upcoming additions to the model such as soil data, information from important connecting storm sewers, ponding storage information, and ensuring that the same vertical data is being used throughout the watershed in the model. She mentioned adding Atlas 14 precipitation data and the new storm distribution information. Mr. Asche asked about the mention in the Engineer's memo of the phrase, "...absolute water surface elevations and flow rates." Engineer Chandler said that the use of the word absolute is in contrast with the word "relative," but the certainty of the model won't be known until model calibration. Commissioner Hoschka asked detailed questions about collecting and running storm data. She recommended that the TAC members highlight on a map the areas that were flooded during and after the June 2014 storm. She recommended that Engineer Chandler collect such information from the TAC.

Mr. Asche pointed out that this XP-SWMM work was approved in April, but the Commission is receiving today the detailed memo about how the XP-SWMM is going to come together. He remarked that he thinks there is a need for the proposals to come in front of the Commission before the Commission authorizes projects. He said that it is important for non-CIP work to follow a process in the same fashion that the CIP projects follow a process.

**I. Receive Work Plan for Clean Water Partnership Grant for Northwood Lake Improvement Project**

Administrator Jester stated that this is an information-only item. She reminded the Commission that it was awarded a \$300,000 grant for the Northwood Lake Improvement Project and as part of this grant, the BCWMC needed to submit a detailed project work plan, budget, and Gantt chart. Administrator Jester reported that she, the City of New Hope staff, and the MPCA project manager developed this work plan with some assistance from Barr Engineering staff regarding water quality monitoring.

**J. Review Information on BCWMC Facebook Page**

Amy Herbert reported that Administrator Jester authorized her to set up a public Facebook page for the BCWMC in order for the Commission to consider using Facebook as a public communication tool. She noted that eight of the nine BCWMC member cities have a Facebook page for communicating with residents. She noted that Facebook is a popular social media tool with adults and would be a way for the BCWMC to amplify its outreach. Ms. Herbert reminded the Commission that it will be launching its redesigned website this year, which will contain more news and updates than the current website, and that a Facebook page goes hand-in-hand with the new site and content. Ms. Herbert recommended posting content on Facebook daily, and she responded to questions. The Commission raised concerns about staff time involved in maintaining the page, the cost of staff time, site security especially regarding comments that others might post to the site, and the frequency of posts to the page. Alternate Commissioner Crough stated that he thought posting two times a week would be enough. Attorney LeFevre commented that if the Commission posted daily, he would "unfriend" the Commission. Administrator Jester recommended that this issue go to the Education Committee

to discuss and bring an update to the Commission at its next meeting. She said that staff will record its time spent specifically on the Facebook tasks and will check with other water organizations regarding the staff time spent, the frequency of their posts, and other issues about maintaining a Facebook page.

*[Alternate Commissioner Goddard departed the meeting.]*

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Administrator:

- i. Administrator Jester announced that the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA), which the BCWMC supports financially and through the Administrator's time spent working with WMWA, will be at the Minnesota State Fair through Blue Thumb at the Eco Experience. She reminded the Commission that WMWA is the education arm of several different watershed organizations. She reported that WMWA is paying Blue Thumb to develop a new campaign and the campaign being developed is "10,000 Plantings for our 10,000 Lakes" to try and get people involved in planting native plants for clean water and pollinators.
- ii. Administrator Jester stated that the BCWMC will need volunteers for its booth at the Golden Valley Art and Music Festival on September 26. The Commission discussed participating in the festival's parade and decided not to participate in the parade due to lack of volunteers.

### B. Chair:

- i. Chair de Lambert reported on the Hennepin County Budget and Capital Investment Committee regarding the BCMWC's CIP request for next year. He said that the Committee immediately approved the request by vote 6-1 with no questions about the proposed 2016 projects.

### C. Commissioners:

- i. Commissioner Black reminded the Commission that previously she reported that the City of Plymouth budgeted no funds for curlyleaf pondweed treatment for Medicine Lake for 2016 and that she would ask the Plymouth City Council to consider adding to its 2016 budget \$40,000 for curlyleaf pondweed treatment. She reported that the City Council preliminarily voted to approve including \$30,000 for curlyleaf pondweed treatment in 2016 but the Council does not finalize its budget until December. Commissioner Black stated that the City Council made no guarantee for any curlyleaf pondweed funding in 2017.
- ii. Commissioner Tobelmann provided an update on the NEMO Workshop on the Water.

### D. TAC Members: No TAC Communications

### E. Committees: No Committee Communications

### F. Legal Counsel: No Legal Communications

### G. Engineer:

- i. Engineer Chandler reminded the Commission that the Westwood Lake plant viewing is Monday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m. and that Commission members interested in attending should let her or Administrator Jester know.
- ii. Engineer Chandler announced that Barr Engineering Company is hosting the second of BWSR's presentation of the 8410 Rules on Thursday, August 27 from 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. and that people

interested in attending need to RSVP by tomorrow.

- iii. Engineer Chandler reported that the SWLRT is proposing a significant change to the New Tunnel so the Commission Engineer will review the proposal. She said it is unclear as to the level of work that will be required for the review because it depends on whether the Commission will need to do modeling or will be using existing modeling.
- iv. Engineer Chandler stated that the City of Minneapolis issued a Request for Proposals for performing hydrologic and hydraulic modeling on a large section of north Minneapolis. She said that 1,700 acres of the project includes the Bassett Creek watershed. Engineer Chandler noted that she is not involved in the Barr Engineering proposal for this work and Barr Engineering has not been selected for the project at this point but she is mentioning this in case the Commission has any concerns. She said that she has also informed the BCWMC's Minneapolis TAC representative about this proposal. Chair de Lambert asked if this modeling work could result in cost savings to the Commission with its XP-SWMM model. Engineer Chandler said that this would need to be talked about should Barr Engineering be selected for the work.

**8. INFORMATION ONLY (Available at <http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/Meetings/2015/2015-August/2015AugustMeetingPacket.htm>)**

- A. CIP Project Update Chart
- B. Grant Tracking Summary and Spreadsheet
- C. Channel 12 Interview on Schaper Pond Diversion Project
- D. Hennepin County Green Partners Environmental Education Grant Program
- E. Mississippi WMO Stormwater Park & Learning Center Grand Opening 9/19/15

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair de Lambert adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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Recorder Date

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Secretary Date