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Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, March 12, 2018

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: Pauline Amundson (Health and Human Services), John Eret (Citizen at Large), Donna Nowicki (Citizen at Large), Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), Kurt Schneider (Vice Chair, Chisago Environmental Services/Zoning) and Frank Storm (Chair, Citizen at Large).

Also present: Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager), Jerry Spetzman (Administrator, Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District), Mike Sorensen (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District), and Erin Edison (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District).

The Chair, Frank Storm, called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Schneider offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Nowicki and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Amundson, Eret, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Larkin, Mold.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Nowicki offered a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member Eret and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Amundson, Eret, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Larkin, Mold.

Presentation – 2017 Annual Reports.

Wilson Witkowski and Spetzman gave a presentation on the following annual reports: Water Quality Monitoring, Aquatic Invasive Species, Water Resource Programs, and Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District.

Lower St. Croix River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

Wilson Witkowski presented updates on the Lower St. Croix River One Watershed One Plan. The Chisago County Board of Commissioners approved the 1W1P Memorandum of Agreement and appointed Commissioner Robinson to the Policy Committee.

Lower St. Croix River Watershed – 2019/2020 Intensive Watershed Monitoring Plan Update

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) plans to conduct intensive Watershed Condition Monitoring in the lower St. Croix watershed in 2019-20. This includes biological and chemistry monitoring of select lakes, rivers and streams. A request will be made to the MPCA to include East and West Rush Lake in the monitoring plan.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program Updates

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the 2018 Aquatic Invasive Species program. This includes watercraft inspections, zebra mussel monitor plates, zebra mussel veliger sampling, zebra mussel

calcium monitoring, aquatic plant point intercept surveys, and AIS Detector Training provided by the University of Minnesota.

Upcoming Workshops/Conferences

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on upcoming workshops and conferences which included Harmful Algae Blooms in Minnesota Workshop (March 29), State of Water Conference (April 12-14), and St. Croix Summit (April 24). Registration fees for up to 3 citizen members of the Water Plan Policy Team will be provided by Water Plan funds.

Agency Updates

Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District staff Sorensen and Edison gave updates on rules updates, erosion/stormwater control projects and the aquatic invasive species program.

Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Administrator Spetzman reminded the Policy Team about the upcoming North Center/North Lindstrom channel workshop during the regularly scheduled April 2 LID board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2018.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Robinson and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Amundson, Eret, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Larkin, Mold.