

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of July 19, 2007

1. Call to Order

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) was called to order at 11:35 a.m., Thursday, July 19, 2007 at Golden Valley City Hall by Chair Welch. Ms. Herbert conducted roll call.

Roll Call

<i>Crystal</i>	Commissioner Pauline Langsdorf, Secretary	<i>Counsel</i>	Charlie LeFevere
<i>Golden Valley</i>	Commissioner Linda Loomis, Treasurer	<i>Engineer</i>	Len Kremer
<i>Medicine Lake</i>	Commissioner Cheri Templeman	<i>Recorder</i>	Amy Herbert
<i>Minneapolis</i>	Commissioner Michael Welch, Chair		
<i>Minnetonka</i>	Commissioner Kris Sundberg		
<i>New Hope</i>	Commissioner Daniel Stauner		
<i>Plymouth</i>	Commissioner Ginny Black, Vice Chair		
<i>Robbinsdale</i>	Commissioner Karla Peterson		
<i>St. Louis Park</i>	<i>Not Represented</i>		

Also present: Laura Adler, BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee, City of St. Louis Park
Lane Christianson, City of Minneapolis
Jack Frost, Metropolitan Council
Dave Hanson, Alternate Commissioner, City of Golden Valley
Jeff Lee, Ecologist, Barr Engineering
Tom Mathisen, BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee, City of Crystal
Richard McCoy, BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee, City of Robbinsdale
Jeff Oliver, BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee, City of Golden Valley
Stu Stockhaus, Alternate Commissioner, City of Crystal
Liz Stout, BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee, City of Minnetonka
Elizabeth Thornton, Alternate Commissioner, City of Plymouth
Darrell Washington, City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development

2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Chair Welch announced that a new agenda had been handed out. Ms. Loomis moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Loomis requested that the financial statement be removed from the consent agenda. Chair Welch announced that there would be no consent agenda.

3. Administration

A. Presentation of the June 21st meeting minutes. Chair Welch requested that Alternate Commissioner Lisa Goddard be listed in the meeting attendee roster in the minutes. Ms. Black moved to approve the June 21st meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Financial Statements.

Ms. Loomis announced she handed out a new front page of the financial report, which reflects the invoices from the Northfield Bus Line and the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.

Chair Welch announced that the BCMWC accepts and files the financial report. [Ms. Loomis departed the meeting. Alternate Commissioner David Hanson assumed the Commissioner responsibilities for Golden Valley.]

The general and construction account balances reported in the July 2007 Financial Report are as follows:

<u>Checking Account Balance</u>	<u>318,697.88</u>
<i>TOTAL GENERAL FUND BALANCE</i>	318,697.88
Investment Balance	762,665.62
Commercial Paper (due 7/19/07)	497,405.00
Commercial Paper (due 8/15/07)	1,486,323.75
<u>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>	<u>2,746,394.37</u>
<u>-Less: Reserved for CIP projects</u>	<u>2,593, 548.91</u>
<i>Construction cash/ investments available for projects</i>	152,845.46

C. Presentation of Invoices for Payment Approval.

Invoices:

- i. Kennedy & Graven – Legal Services - invoice for the amount of \$1,013.75.
- ii. Barr Engineering Company – June Engineering Services - invoice for the amount of \$21,987.76.
- iii. Barr Engineering Company – June Sweeney Lake TMDL Project Services - invoice for the amount of \$7,912.27.
- iv. SEH – May Sweeney Lake TMDL Project Services - invoice for the amount of \$10,134.02.
- v. Three Rivers Park District – Sweeney Lake Monitoring: April – June 2007 -- invoice for the amount of \$4,610.00.
- vi. Amy Herbert – June Recording Administrator Services - invoice for the amount of \$2,401.56.
- vii. MMKR – Final Billing for 2006 Financial Audit - invoice for the amount of \$1,060.00.
- viii. Simple to Grand Catering – June Meeting Catering - invoice for the amount of \$333.17.
- ix. Elizabeth Thornton – Photocopy Expenses – invoice for the amount of \$17.92.
- x. Northfield Lines, Inc. – Watershed Tour Bus – invoice for the amount of \$312.00.

- xi. SEH – June Sweeney Lake TMDL Project Services – invoice for the amount of \$22,335.07.
- xii. League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust – Annual Insurance Premium – invoice for the amount of \$4,251.00.

Chair Welch asked Barr Engineering if the item listed on page two of its invoice under technical analysis H&H Sweeney Lake Branch to SEH should be allocated to the TMDL budget. Mr. Kremer said that item was for providing Sweeney Lake Data to SEH in order to calibrate the outflow to Sweeney Lake and therefore the item could be charged to the TDML budget. Mr. Kremer said that change would be a modification to the BCWMC budget.

Chair Welch asked if Mr. Kremer knew what “contract with corp” meant on pages 2 and 3 of the SEH invoice. Mr. Kremer replied that he did not know. Chair Welch asked Mr. Kremer to communicate to SEH that it should clarify that task on future bills.

Mr. Kremer mentioned that rental equipment is itemized on the invoice from the Three Rivers Park District. He reminded that Commission that the charge was not originally anticipated because the MPCA was originally going to provide that equipment. Mr. Kremer said that since the MPCA’s equipment was discovered to be faulty, the Park District needed to utilize other equipment in order to stay on schedule. He said he spoke with Tim Larson, MPCA, who is ok with a modification of the contract if necessary if the project reaches budget. Mr. Larson said if the project doesn’t hit budget allocated for the Three Rivers Park District, then modifying the contract wouldn’t be necessary.

Chair Welch commented that the \$17.92 submitted by the Education Committee Chair for photocopy expenses should come out of the Education Budget.

LMCIT invoice – deferred to August meeting so Mr. LeFevere could get information about the codes listed in the invoice.

Ms. Black moved to approve payment of all invoices except the LMCIT invoice, which should be brought to the Commission again in August. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. By call of roll the motion carried unanimously [City of St. Louis Park was absent from the vote].

- D. Update on BCWMC Invoice to the MN Ball Park Authority. Mr. Kremer reported that Ed Hunter of the Minnesota Ball Park Authority indicated that he had never received the invoices from the BCWMC and requested that copies of the invoices be e-mailed to him. Ms. Herbert said she had a message from Dan Starkey saying the check to the BCWMC has been processed.

4. Communications

- A. Citizen Input on Non-agenda Items: Ms. Terrie Christian of the Association of Medicine Lake Area Citizens mentioned that she had e-mailed the map to the Commission regarding the curlyleaf pondweed as she had volunteered to do at last month’s meeting. She added that there will be some treatment of the curlyleaf pondweed next year. She said the good news is that they believe the stem densities were reduced by the treatment that has already happened. However, she said, since the curlyleaf did not get treated this year, turions were made, meaning stem densities will likely be

more next year but hopefully not back to the original densities. Ms. Christian said the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is interested in continuing with treatment so funding will be needed although she wasn't sure how much. She suggested the Commission may want to contact the DNR for a preliminary idea of the cost. Ms. Christian said they do expect a grant from the DNR like the \$20,000 grant they were offered this year, which they turned down because early data indicated no treatment would be necessary this year.

Chair Welch remarked that the Commission's 2008 budget doesn't have a line item or dollar amount for additional Medicine Lake treatment and that the budget would have to be configured to accommodate it. Mr. Kremer stated that the page of the financial report that shows the status of the capital projects shows that there is money left in the construction account from the money budgeted for 2005 and 2006 for the Medicine Lake in-lake treatment.

Ms. Black said Plymouth city staff are looking at the project in order to provide a recommendation to the Commission. Chair Welch said the first step would be to get a number from DNR about the cost.

Ms. Black said Plymouth is putting together its next version of its Surface Water Management Plan. She said she expects that another aquatic vegetation management committee will be put together and it should be able to come back with a recommendation to the Commission. Chair Welch asked about the timeframe for that committee. Ms. Black said she would expect it would be pulled together in 2008 if not before because the surface water management plan needs to be approved with the city's comprehensive plan, which needs to be approved in 2008. Ms. Black said the DNR needs to be involved because only 15% of a lake can be treated without DNR's permission. She said also when the treatment project started, the city notified residents that the treatment would be going on for three years so a lot of that initial public process would have to happen again.

Chair Welch asked Ms. Herbert to put this topic on the September meeting agenda.

B. Chair

- i. Chair Welch announced that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has issued a draft Comprehensive Plan and is requesting comments by August 1. He said the draft plan indicates that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board plans to do comprehensive plans for all the lakes in their parks.**
- ii. Chair Welch said that the meeting packet includes a copy of 103B.102, which is a statutory provision that is new and is added to 103B.**
- iii. Chair Welch mentioned that the Commission's draft meeting minutes instead of the approved minutes are being sent out to a distribution list. Ms. Black commented that the best thing to do would be to send out the approved minutes. Chair Welch commented to Ms. Herbert that she could cut and paste the corrections on to the minutes and then send out the approved minutes.**
- iv. Chair Welch encouraged the Commissioners to talk to their cities about the BCWMC's proposed 2008 draft budget, which was sent to member cities for their review and comment by August 1st.**

C. **Commissioners:** Ms. Black said she handed out a packet with the May and June Barr invoices that has the charges broken down to identify costs that could be saved by an administrator. She said no action needs to be taken but it is for the Commission's information.

D. **Committees:**

- i. **Education and Outreach Committee - Ms. Black announced that the Education and Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at Golden Valley City Hall.**

E. **Counsel:** No communications.

F. **Engineer:**

- i. **Mr. Kremer announced that the Commission has received a letter from the Metropolitan Council approving the minor plan amendments. He said he has also received a verbal communication from the Board of Water and Soil Resources approving the minor plan amendments. He added that BWSR said it would follow up with a written communication of the approval.**
- ii. **Mr. Kremer stated that he has a notice for the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention. He said the application is due in September. He said the application is for organizations that focus on preserving the environment through innovative practices that prevent pollution in ways to improve resources to conserve them and improve sustainability. Mr. Kremer suggested that the application be submitted regarding the BCWMC's water quality improvement program. He said the innovative part of the Commission's program is that it proceeded with the water quality improvement back in the 1990s and implemented the CIP without a lot of funding assistance from the Clean Water Legacy Act.**

Mr. Kremer volunteered to put the application together on the Commission's behalf at no cost to the Commission. Ms. Black said one of the most innovative parts of the Commission's water quality program is the curlyleaf pondweed and she suggests highlighting it. Mr. Kremer said over the years the Commission has done many innovative things and the curlyleaf pondweed is one of them. He said at this point the curlyleaf project is really an experiment. He said it is very new and it will be used as a model throughout the state.

Ms. Black said she thinks that the Commission is the only group that works across watersheds on education. Chair Welch said that is worth a footnote. Mr. Kremer said if the Commission approves, he will work with some of Barr's communications staff on preparing an initial draft and then will run it by the commissioners for input. Ms. Black remarked that she would abstain from reviewing it because she works with the person who reviews the award applications.

5. New Business

- A. **Presentation by Darrell Washington, City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development, on Bassett Creek Stream and Habitat Implementation Plan. Chair Welch introduced Darrell Washington from the City of Minneapolis' Community Planning and Economic Development department who has been working for the past two years on**

restoration projects in the city. Darrell Washington greeted the Commission and said that citizens encouraged the city to apply for a LCMR grant in order to figure out what can be done in the area between Cedar Lake Road and Glenwood Avenue along Bassett Creek – the area where the Minneapolis impound lot is also located. The city received a LCMR grant for \$175,000 for putting together the implementation plan. Mr. Washington introduced Jeff Lee, an ecologist with Barr Engineering, and said Barr Engineering was selected through the Request for Proposals process to manage the implementation planning process and added that Barr is working with Close Landscape Architects and Hennepin County on the plan.

Mr. Washington said the project looked at how to put meanders back into the creek and how to put natural vegetation and habitat back into the area, which was pristine until the 1880s but was turned into dumping grounds after that time when it turned into an industrial area. He said it was an unlicensed dump before the City of Minneapolis bought it for its impound lot.

Mr. Washington said there was a significant deposit of lead soil along the southern and northern edges of the project area, which was an issue to look at in considering what could actually take place in the area. He said the area is also part of the larger Bassett Creek Master Plan development area that has been approved by the Minneapolis City Council. Mr. Washington explained that the Bassett Creek Master Plan involves tall towers and significant housing within 15 to 20 years. He said that the request for proposals for the plan's master developer will be due in the end of July and he hopes several national developers will apply.

Mr. Washington said another piece of the project is figuring out how to move portions of Bassett Creek that runs through this area out of the channel in some parts and bring it above ground. Mr. Washington said the master developer will have to give the City of Minneapolis 24 months to move the Minneapolis impound lot. He said he thinks it would be five years from the time the master developer is in place for the redevelopment to take place because it is a significant piece of land and a lot of things need to happen. Mr. Washington said the developer would likely want the Van White Memorial Boulevard to be in place and will want to make sure the Twin's Stadium is happening. He said those projects are important catalysts for the redevelopment.

Mr. Washington said regarding the cost of the project, it will depend on the level of contamination. He said the cost will be anywhere between \$8 million and \$23 million. Mr. Washington said he received grant funds from Hennepin County to test over the next year for contamination along the creek. He said the City of Minneapolis is communicating with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to figure out what they can do together in this area. He said Hennepin County is eager to do something in this area such as improvements along the creek. Mr. Washington said the project will need to be implemented in phases and the next phase is to get a master developer in hand. Mr. Lee said the City of Minneapolis wants Barr's report on the project up on the city Web site and he thinks it should be ready for posting by the end of August. Ms. Black asked if Barr would send the Commission the link to the report once the report is available on the city's Web site. Mr. Lee agreed to e-mail the link to Ms. Herbert.

- B. BCWMC Grant Application.** Ms. Black said the DNR sent a letter saying it does not need to give authorization for the Feldman's proposed project. Mr. Stauner said he had an e-mail exchange with Shawn Markham, City of New Hope Public Works. Mr. Stauner said he understands from Mr. Markham that the city signed off on the Feldman's proposed project. Mr. Stauner said he is confused on whether the proposed project site falls in the area that is in the ordinary high water line. Ms. Black said since the project would potentially be partially funded by Commission money, the Commission should have something from the city in writing either saying that the proposed project is not on city property and permission is not needed to plant on it or that

it is on city property and the city grants permission to plant on it. Mr. Stauner said he will follow up with the City of New Hope's Public Works Department.

Chair Welch asked if the City of New Hope has a shoreline ordinance or not and if it does, then does the proposed plan meet the requirements, or if there isn't a city ordinance then is there a county or DNR ordinance that the plan needs to comply with. Ms. Thornton asked if there is something in the Commission's Second Generation Plan that talks about shoreline policy that would apply if a city doesn't have an ordinance.

Mr. LeFevere said that regulations were set up so if cities didn't adopt regulations, the DNR could step in with regulations, but he doesn't think the DNR has done so. He said instead he thinks the DNR is working to get voluntary compliance. Mr. LeFevere said if there is anything in the Commission's Watershed Management Plan, it may be simply an acknowledgement of the legal obligations not a very definite mandate. Chair Welch said the Commission should look at the plan again for that information.

Mr. Mathisen commented that the information submitted by the grant applicant did not address ongoing erosion. He said it seemed that the Commission is being asked to spend public money to help beautify somebody's property.

Ms. Black said for the record that the grant is being requesting by a homeowner on Northwood Lake to do a shoreline restoration and re-vegetation. She said the Education Committee has not had a chance to get together to talk about this application and that any comments the Commission makes will be a part of the Committee's discussion.

Mr. Hanson said that prior to this meeting, Commissioner Loomis had comments similar to Mr. Mathisen's regarding the appropriateness of funding a project on private property with grant money.

Mr. Stauner commented that he has a similar concern. He said that he took part in a discussion with the Shingle Creek Watershed regarding an application for a grant by a homeowners' association that wanted to put landscaping in around a pond. Mr. Stauner explained that Shingle Creek put conditions on the grant including that the landscaping had to have a public access, there needed to be signage, and there needed to be education value beside just beautifying the area. Mr. Stauner said if the Feldman's proposed project could have more of an education component he would be willing to look more closely at the project, but he isn't in support of funding private backyard beautification projects.

[Ms. Loomis rejoined the meeting.]

Chair Welch said he is open to public/private cost share to encourage better environmental performance. He stated that he would like to see the Feldman's add specific information about the plantings into their grant application and that he would want the plantings to be native. He said he also would be concerned about use of herbicides so close to the water. Chair Welch said the Commission doesn't typically have impact on individual actions, so if a trend caught in the Bassett Creek Watershed of individual property owners using native plantings and buffer areas on shorelines, it seems to him that it would have significant water quality benefits.

Ms. Loomis commented that in regard to the City of Golden Valley's infiltration program, the city's attorney has told the city officials that the city cannot spend public money on improvements on private land. She asked if the Commission would be affected in the same way. Mr. LeFevere said as a general purpose there would have to be a public purpose for the work but there could be

a private incidental benefit as well. He said if there is an overriding public purpose for the work then it would not be illegal to spend money on private property. Mr. LeFevere said it would not be illegal to provide grant money for something that had an educational purpose even if the project is on private land.

Ms. Langsdorf added that the BCWMC Web site [www.bassettcreekwmo.org] lists the Commission's grant program criteria and program eligibility. She said the Commission's information states that individual property owners are eligible and also states that eligible projects include the installation of native plantings to restore or establish vegetative buffer zones or habitat especially along waterways, lakes, ponds, or wetlands or landscaping with native plants, which results in improved water quality. Chair Welch commented that the Commission did review and approve the grant criteria and eligibility documents.

Ms. Black said the City of Plymouth has a grant program for this type of project on private property. She said the City deemed it a public purpose to re-vegetate lakeshore. Ms. Black said one of the things required of people who are awarded a grant is their project needs to be accessible to the public and their project site is listed on the City's Web site on a map so visitors can go take a look at the re-vegetation.

Chair Welch said maintenance of the project is another consideration. Chair Welch directed the Education Committee to talk with the applicant regarding some of the questions brought up today and to come back to the Commission with the information. Ms. Sundberg asked if the Education Committee would ask the applicant for more detail on the education aspect of their project. Mr. Stauner asked the Committee to get clarification on the specific plants being used in the project and how the project will affect runoff – will it be a buffer strip?

[Ms. Black and Ms. Peterson departed the meeting. Alternate Commissioner Liz Thornton assumed the Commissioner responsibilities for the City of Plymouth.]

6. Old Business

- A. **Van White Memorial Boulevard: Phase 2: Minneapolis.** Mr. Kremer said this project came to the Commission as a preliminary plan in 2005. He said a temporary bridge was built to consolidate soils on each side so the footings for the new bridge could be built. Mr. Kremer said the bridge has a 90-foot span that spans the entire reach of Bassett Creek. He said a minor low area below the flood level will be filled but it is minor and flood storage is not critical in this reach. He said it is a very minor flood plain area and there will be no effect due to loss of flood plain. Mr. Kremer explained that the construction will disturb about 11 acres and those acres will be treated with a commercial environmental manhole to provide sediment removal and skimming. Mr. Kremer said the Commission Engineer recommends approval of the project. Chair Welch inquired about maintenance of the manhole to ensure continued proper functioning of it. Mr. Kremer said the City of Minneapolis has an aggressive maintenance program.

Chair Welch asked if the Commission specifies seed components of the seed mulch. Mr. Kremer said no. Chair Welch said the Commission should think about giving direction on the type of seed used. Chair Welch asked if the plan proposes appropriate erosion control. Mr. Kremer responded yes. Ms. Loomis moved approval of the project with the Engineer's recommendation of an emphasis letter as listed in the July 12, 2007 Engineer's Memo. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. TAC Recommendations from June 27th TAC Meeting and Procedure of Adding Items to the TAC's Meeting Agenda. Chair Welch asked if the Commission had comments on how items are added to the TAC's agenda. He asked if the Commission thought it should have a policy on how items are added and if yes, what should the policy be. Ms. Loomis commented that up until the time the Commission started referring items to it, the TAC usually had its own agenda. She felt that the Commission should not dictate the TAC's agenda and she said she didn't know if the Commission even needed to help the TAC prioritize its agenda. Ms. Loomis said most of the members of the TAC are usually here at the Commission's meeting and they are professionals and can prioritize their own agenda. Chair Welch asked if she thought issues could go to the TAC independently of the Commission and Ms. Loomis responded yes. Chair Welch asked if the Commission thought issues should come in front of the Commission first. Ms. Loomis responded no. Chair Welch said that efficient and effective communication with the TAC is a critical part of the success of the organization and asked the Commissioners to give thought to this topic.

- i. **Medicine Lake Road/ Rhode Island Flooding Issue.** Chair Welch asked if the flooding is due to a storm sewer problem. Ms. Loomis answered yes. Mr. Stauner added that it is a capacity problem. Ms. Loomis said it is a problem of the storm sewer lacking the capacity to handle surface water.

Mr. Stauner said he is advocating to the City of New Hope to look at the issue as being more than just a flooding issue but as an opportunity to look at potential water quality implications when the city treats storm water runoff.

Ms. Loomis said she understands the problem to be localized flooding and that historically localized flooding is dealt with by the city. She said she felt it is appropriate to follow the TAC's recommendation as listed in the July 11, 2007 Memo from Karen Chandler.

Mr. Kremer said Ms. Loomis' comments are true but that this flooding issue involves three cities. He said that historically if the cities can't identify a solution that is acceptable to all the cities, the Commission has dealt with some of these issues not by assuming responsibility for the cost but by helping devise a solution.

Mr. Oliver said he didn't think the cities were far enough along to be able to truly evaluate the issue. He said the flooding is a serious issue in Golden Valley, but Golden Valley needs to see the models developed and the three cities need to do more with the issue before they ask the Commission to step in.

Ms. Loomis said the Commission could provide technical assistance through the TAC and have the engineers share their models. Chair Welch said the Commission directs the TAC to share that information with each other.

- ii. **Northwood Lake Inlet Pipe from TH 169 Issue.** Mr. Kremer said the question asked by city staff was does it make sense for the Commission to provide some of the funds for this project via the channel restoration fund. Chair Welch said his idea is to ask the cities of Plymouth and New Hope to work up this project more and then bring the issue back to the TAC and/ or Commission at a time when the cities feel they have a more fully fleshed out project. Chair Welch said if the cities need to work with Commission staff on this issue then so be it.

- iii. **Recommendations to Education Outreach/ Joint EPOC Committees.** Chair Welch said the Committee asked for feedback from TAC and received that feedback. Chair Welch added that the northland NEMO is meeting the last Tuesday each month and that Jenny Winkleman organizes those meetings.
- iv. **Revisions to “Requirements/ Development Proposals” Document.** Mr. Kremer said the TAC wants anyone who wants to give input to this document to attend the TAC meeting that has this document on its agenda. Chair Welch said that the more that can be used from the Minnesota Stormwater Manual the better.

- C. **Twin’s Stadium Update.** Mr. Kremer reported that the project is at the point of driving piles adjacent to the double box culvert. He said the box culvert will essentially be bridged so there will be no load on it. He said there is equipment in the double box culvert to collect data regarding the vibrations on the double box culvert from the pile driving and that data will be monitored and will also be provided to the City of Minneapolis and the BCWMC. He said the project managers want to connect storm sewer systems to the tunnel and are asking for information about the maximum capacity of the tunnel, which Barr is providing.
- D. **BCWMC Watershed Tour.** Chair Welch reminded the Commission that the August 16th Commission meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. at Minnetonka City Hall and that the 2007 Bassett Creek Watershed tour will start immediately after a short Commission meeting to take care of the essential business items. Chair Welch directed Ms. Herbert to invite the BCWMC and the TAC and the member city councils to the tour.
- E. **BCWMC Training.** Chair Welch remarked that the 2004 BCWMC orientation PowerPoint on the CD-ROM still has a lot of good data. He asked how long it would take to present that information. Mr. Kremer said about 45 minutes. Chair Welch said there is a lot of technical data in the PowerPoint and that some of that information could be replaced with information that the commissioners need to know about what the Commission is doing, how and why the Commission is doing it, and what the statutory authority for it is. He suggested the Commissioner training start with this broad information and do it in a two-hour session. Chair Welch said he would send information about some potential training sessions times out to staff to send around to Commissioners for feedback. Mr. Kremer added that there is a Watershed District Managers Manual put out by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) that contains good information.

7. August Meeting

The following agenda items are currently scheduled for the August 16th, 2007 BCWMC meeting:

- A. 2008 Operating Budget
- B. Minor Plan Amendment Update
- C. Medicine Lake Curlyleaf Pondweed Update
- D. BCWMC Training
- E. BCWMC Education Grant

8. Adjournment

Ms. Loomis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Michael Welch, Chair

Amy Herbert, Recorder

Pauline Langsdorf, Secretary

Date: _____